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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.08.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN**

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A.Kannan

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The District Collector
The District Collector Office
Ramanathapuram
- 2.The Tahsildar
The Tahsildar Office
Kamuthi
- 3.The Panchayat Development Officer
Kamuthi Panchayat Union
Kottaimedu
- 4.Murugan
- 5.Maalaiyamal
- 6.Malaisamy
- 7.Vijay
- 8.Muthuramalingam



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9.Karthik

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to take appropriate action against the encroachments and to ensure that the public pathway is maintained without obstruction in accordance with the civil court decree.

For Petitioner : Ms.C.Geetha

For Respondents : Mr.M.Sarangan
Additional Government Pleader for R1 to R3
Ms.P.Malini for R4 to R9

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

The writ on hand has been instituted seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to take appropriate action against the encroachments and to ensure that the public pathway is maintained without obstruction in accordance with the civil court decree.

2. Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the



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respondents 1 to 3, based on the status report filed by the Tahsildar, submitted that the entire subject land has been classified as “Grama Natham” and “Pathway” and there is no obstruction in respect of the land belongs to the petitioner. That apart, 01 Cent of land was already assigned to the occupants under the Revenue Standing Order 21 and those persons are landless poor people and there is no impediment for the Government to grant free house site patta to them to the maximum extent of 03 Cents. Since 01 Cent of land alone has been assigned to the landless poor people, they cannot be considered as encroachers.

3. In view of the above submission, the relief as such sought for in this writ petition cannot be granted and the same is, therefore, dismissed. No costs.

[S.M.S., J.]

[G.A.M., J.]

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