



W.P.(MD)No.16288 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 17.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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Meenambal

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Aranthangi,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Avudaiyarkovil Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.

4.The Block Development Officer,
Aranthangi Union,
Aranthangi,
Pudukkottai District.

5.Chandrappa Thevar

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to remove the encroachment made by the fifth respondent in the water channel in Survey No.61/1 situated at



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Patharasarkottai Village, Kammangadu Revenue Village, Aranthangi Taluk, Pudukkottai District based on the petitioner's representation dated 19.11.2022 and 10.07.2023 within a time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner :Mr.R.Prasanna

For Respondents :Mr.A.Kannan
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 to R3

: Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar
Special Government Pleader
for R4

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader for the official respondents. Issuance of notice to R5 is dispensed with.

2. The petitioner is a resident of Patharasarkottai Village in Aranthangi Taluk. He alleges that in Survey No.61/1, there are encroachments. That encroachment has been committed by the fifth respondent. He wants the same to be removed.

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional



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Government Pleader, on written instructions, confirmed that Survey No.61/1 is
a water body.

4. In this view of the matter, we direct the third respondent to conduct survey. Notice shall be given to all the interested persons & encroachers before conducting survey. If the survey results indicate that there are encroachments in the water body, the same shall be removed. All the encroachers shall not only be put on notice but also given due opportunity. All the encroachments shall be cleared within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

[G.R.S., J.] [B.P., J.]
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