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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.08.2025

CORAM:

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

**W.P.(MD) No.17051 of 2024
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.14671 of 2025**

Satheesh Rajan

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The District Collector
O/o.The District Collectorate
Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District

2.The President
Painkulam Panchayat
Kanyakumari

3.T.Devadas
[R3 is impleaded *vide* court order
dated 14.08.2025 in W.M.P.(MD)
No.18648 of 2024]

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorari calling for the records relating to the notice issued by the second respondent in his proceedings in Nil dated 12.07.2024 and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.Isaac Mohanlal, Senior Counsel
for M/s.Ajmal Associates

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1
Mr.V.Om Prakash
Government Advocate for R2
Mr.K.Jeyamohan for R3

ORDER

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

The show cause notice issued by the President, Painkulam Panchayat, dated 12.07.2024, is under challenge in this writ petition.

2. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that building plan approval for construction of an Automobile Service Station in the subject place was granted by the respondent – Village Panchayat on 10.04.2024. However, based on the objection given by the



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residents of the locality, the impugned show cause notice came to be issued.

3. No writ against a show cause notice is entertainable in a routine manner. In the present case, learned Senior Counsel made a submission that the Panchayat President has no jurisdiction to issue the impugned show cause notice.

4. However, the said submission is opposed by the learned counsels appearing for the respective respondents.

5. Be that as it may, the impugned notice is only a show cause notice. Therefore, the petitioner may submit his explanation denying the allegations made therein, including the grounds raised regarding jurisdiction. It is unnecessary for the High Court, at this stage, to adjudicate the merits involved in this matter.

6. Thus, granting liberty to the petitioner to respond to the



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impugned show cause, the present writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[S.M.S., J.]

[G.A.M., J.]

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