



W.P(MD)No.18229 of 2021

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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DATED : 23.10.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN  
AND  
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

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... Petitioner

**Vs.**

1.The District Collector,  
Thanjavur District,  
Thanjavur.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,  
Pattukottai,  
Thanjavur District.

3.The Executive Engineer,  
Public Works Department,  
Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.

4.The Tahsildar,  
Pattukottai Taluk Office,  
Pattukottai, Thanjavur District.

... Respondents

**Prayer** : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 2 to 4 to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 24.07.2021 and consequently direct the respondents 2 to 4 to protect and



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maintain the sub canal by name Anaikadu No.1 Sub Canal which is branch of Narasingapuram main water channel situated in S.F.No.237 and 238 at Anaikadu Village, pattukottai Taluk, Thanjavur District within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.R.Murugesan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Vinodh,  
Government Advocate.

### **ORDER**

Heard both sides.

2.The writ petitioner is a resident of Vadiyakadu Village, Pattukottai Taluk. He alleges that the petition mentioned water channel has been encroached. He wants the same to be cleared. Since action was not taken, this writ petition came to be filed.

3.When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate on instructions submitted that the jurisdictional Assistant Executive Engineer of Water Resources Department has already written to the Tahsildar, Pattukottai to issue Form I.



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4.We direct the fourth respondent to issue notices to all the interested persons and conduct survey. Based on the survey results, the competent authority under the Tamil Nadu Protection of Tanks and Eviction of Encroachment Act, 2007, will take consequential action. In any event, all the encroachments in the petition mentioned water channel should be removed within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5.This writ petition is allowed on these terms. No costs.

**(G.R.S.J.) & (B.P.J.)**  
**23.10.2025**

NCC : Yes/No  
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