



W.P.(MD)Nos.18645 and 20547 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED :29.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

W.P.(MD)Nos.18645 and 20547 of 2025

and

WMP (MD) Nos.14301, 15916 and 15917 of 2025

WP (MD) No.18645 of 2025

P.Logamani

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Thasildar,
Usilampatti Taluk,
Madurai District.

2. Mathew

3. Claret Bhavan
Karumathur, Through its Administrator,
Fr.Lourdu Jeyaraj.
G Karumathur,
Usilampatti Taluk,
Madurai District.
(R3 is impleaded vide court order
dated 22.09.2025)

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 1st respondent dated 20.06.2025 in proceedings in TR No. 2025/0103/24/400703TR, quash the same, as the same is arbitrary, ultravires, in violation of the principles of natural justice, Audi Alteram



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Partem and consequently revert back the patta in respect of the property comprised in S. No.260/1C, Karumathur Village, Usilampatti Taluk, Madurai District in the petitioners name.

For Petitioner :Mr. R.G. Shankar Ganesh

For Respondents :Mr.K.Balasubramani
Special Government Pleader for R1
Mr.S.Mahesh Babu for R3

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2. The Thasildhar,
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3. The Village Administrative Officer,
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Usilampatti Taluk,
Madurai District.

4. Mathew

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorari or any other writ or order in the nature of writ calling for the records of the 1st respondent dated 18.06.2025 in proceedings Na.Ka.No.3033/2025/A4, quash the same, as the same is arbitrary, ultravires, in violation of the principles of natural



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justice, Audi Alteram Partem.

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For Petitioner :Mr. R.G. Shankar Ganesh

For Respondents :Mr.K.Balasubramani
Special Government Pleader for R1 to R3
R4 expired

COMMON ORDER

An order dated 18.06.2025 of the Revenue Divisional Officer allowing the appeal filed by the fourth respondent herein and the consequential order dated 20.06.2025 of the Tahsildar restoring the patta in the name of the fourth respondent are challenged in these two writ petitions.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the patta stood in the name of the petitioner pursuant to a patta transfer order of the Tahsildar. Without notice to the petitioner, at the instance of the fourth respondent herein, he submits that the impugned order was issued by the Revenue Divisional Officer. He submits further that an order of interim stay had been issued in W.P.(MD) No.18645 of 2025 and that the Revenue Divisional Officer proceeded to hold an inquiry while the writ petition was pending and issued a subsequent order dated 05.08.2025. On account of breach of principles of natural justice, learned counsel



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contends that these orders cannot be sustained. Without prejudice, he refers to the adangal relating to the relevant properties to contend that the name of the petitioner's husband Pichai is recorded therein.

3. Learned counsel for the private respondent in these two writ petitions refutes these contentions by submitting that the patta stood in the name of Matthew until 15.05.2025. At the instance of the petitioner, such patta was transferred to the petitioner's name on that date. He submits that this was done without notice to the pattadhar.

4. The record reflects that the orders impugned herein were issued without notice to the petitioner and without providing a reasonable opportunity to her. Therefore, these orders cannot be sustained and are hereby set aside. Pursuant to the consequential order of the Tahsildar, the patta was restored to the name of Mathew. The subsequent order dated 05.08.2025, which was issued while these writ petitions were pending, is also set aside. Notwithstanding these orders being set aside, the revenue records shall reflect the position as on date while the matter is reconsidered on remand. After providing a reasonable opportunity to the petitioner and to Fr.Lourdu Jeyaraj, Administrator of Claret Bhavan, a



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speaking order shall be issued within three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. These writ petitions are disposed of on the above terms. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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