



W.P.(MD)No.22446 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 19.08.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

- 1.The District Collector/Monitoring Committee,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
- 2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Division Office,
Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Tahsildar, Taluk Office,
Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District.
- 4.The Divisional Engineer, (Highways Department)
Office of Divisional Engineer,
Thoothukudi District.
- 5.The Deputy Divisional Engineer,
Office of Deputy Divisional Engineer,
Kovilpatti,
Thoothukudi District.



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6.Kumar @ Muthukumar
7.Selvam @ Chelladurai

... Respondents

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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 5 herein to remove the encroachment (unauthorised construction) made by the 6th and 7th respondents herein in Survey No.492, (Ward No.23) Jamin Pettai Street, Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District based on the petitioner's representation dated 24.06.2025 and the proceedings of the second respondent to the fourth respondent by its proceedings dated 30.06.2025 directing them to take appropriate action.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.R.Kasi Viswanathan

For R1 to R5 : Mr.S.P.Maharajan

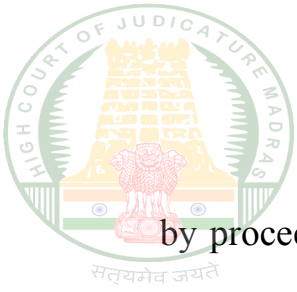
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by ***G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.***)

The writ petition is filed seeking for a direction as against the respondents 1 to 5 to remove the encroachment (unauthorised construction) made by the 6th and 7th respondents in the subject property.

2. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 5, on instructions, would submit that the Highways Department



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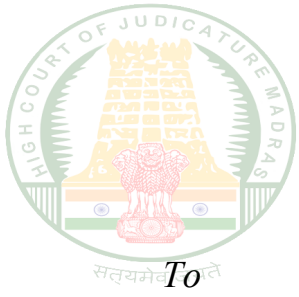
by proceedings dated 14.08.2025 had communicated to the Tahsildar, Kovilpatti, the third respondent seeking to conduct a survey of the property to find out the encroachments in order to take suitable actions to remove the encroachment. The Divisional Engineer had also by proceedings dated 18.08.2025 intimated the same about the steps taken by them.

3. In view of the steps already been initiated by the Highways Department coordinating with the Revenue Tahsildar seeking in respect of conducting a survey and identifying the encroachment, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the authorities to proceed with in conducting the survey and take suitable actions in accordance with law in respect of removing the encroachments within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. With these observations, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

(S.M.S., J.) & (G.A.M., J.)
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