



W.P.(MD)No.26023 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED :26.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

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Dhanalakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector and Land Acquisition Arbitrator,
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.

2. The Competent Authority and Special District Revenue Officer,
(Land Acquisition)
Dindigul District,
Dindigul.

3. The Project Director,
NH 209,
National Highways Authority of India,
Dindigul.

4. The Special Tahsildar,
Land Acquisition,
Ottanchathram,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order in Na.Ka.No.1732156/2024/E1 dated 31.07.2024 issued by the 1st respondent and quash the same.



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For Petitioner : Mr. N.Ananda Kumar

For Respondents :Mr.P.Thambidurai
Government Advocate for R1, R2 & R4
Mr.B.Naveen Kumar
for Mr.Su.Srinivasan for R3

ORDER

An arbitral award dated 31.07.2024 in relation to acquisition proceedings under the National Highways Act 1956 (the NH Act) is challenged in this writ petition.

2. The NH Act provides for the District Collector to function as an Arbitrator and for a challenge in terms of Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. In view of the provisions thereof, which constitute a self- contained dispute resolution mechanism, I am not inclined to entertain the writ petition. The present writ petition was lodged and prosecuted *bona fide* from September 2025. Therefore, by recording that the petitioner is entitled to the exclusion of the period of pendency of this writ petition for computation of limitation, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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NCC : Yes/No
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