



Cont.P.(MD)No.3001 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HON`BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Mr.Sivaprasad,
The Superintendent of Police,
Sivagangai District,
Sivagangai.

2.Mr.Jeyabal,
The Sub-Inspector of Police,
Taluk Police Station,
Devakottai,
Sivagangai District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Ramnagar,
Devakottai Taluk,
Sivagangai District.

... Respondents

(R3 *suo motu* impleaded as per order in Cont.P.(MD)No.3001 of 2025 dated 16.10.2025)

Prayer : Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of the Courts Act, 1971, praying to punish the contemnors/respondents 2 & 3 in WP.(MD)No.17764 of 2024 for wilful disobedience of order dated 31.07.2024.



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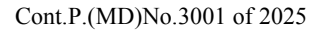
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For Petitioner	: Mr.K.Balasundaram, Senior Counsel, for M/s.KBS Law Office
For R1 & R2	: Mr.P.Kottaichamy, Government Advocate(Crl.side)
For R3	: Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar, Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

The petitioner has approached this Court that the order of this Court in WP.(MD)No.17764 of 2024 dated 31.07.2024 has not been complied with.

2.The petitioner claiming to be the owner of the properties in Survey Nos.363/1, 363/2A, 364/6 to an extent of 15 acres situated at Meyyappanenthal, village, Thidakottai Group, Devakottai Taluk, Sivagangai District, has filed a writ petition before this Court in WP.(MD)No.18917 of 2023. The said writ petition was disposed of by an order dated 04.08.2023 by recording the submissions of the learned Additional Government Pleader that the application of the petitioner to conduct survey would be considered on seniority



3. On, 16.10.2025, when this contempt petition was taken up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate (Crl. side) appearing for the respondent Police submitted that necessary Police



protection was provided, however, there was an agitation by the villagers and therefore, the Revenue Officials abandoned the survey process. He further submitted that as against the persons, who have involved in agitation, a criminal case in Cr.No.260 of 2025 has been registered. Considering the said submission, this Court by its order dated 16.10.2025, *suo motu* impleaded the Tahsildar, Devakottai Taluk, Sivagangai District as a third respondent to this contempt proceedings.

4.The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the third respondent submits that in the event adequate Police protection is provided to survey the land of the petitioner, then, there is no difficulty for conducting the survey.

5.The learned Government Advocate(Crl.side) appearing for the respondent Police submits that they are prepared to provide Police protection. Even today, there are Police in the field, however, the petitioner is not available. He further submits that the petitioner, taking advantage of the earlier order for conducting survey, has attempted to fence the property, which has created the law and order problem in the village.



6.Mr.K.Saravanan, Inspector of Police, Devakottai Taluk Police Station is present before this Court. According to him, the persons, who have involved in agitation, are claiming to be cultivating tenants and they have been cultivating the subject land for several decades. However, the petitioner has purchased the land from its owner. On the previous occasion, when the Revenue Officials went to the place for conducting the survey, the cultivating tenants have raised some objections and therefore, there was a law and order problem.

7.Heard the learned counsel appearing for the respective parties in detail and perused the materials placed on record.

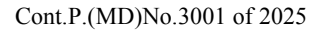
8.The petitioner claims that he is the owner of the property, pursuant to a sale deed dated 23.12.2013 and a settlement deed dated 08.05.2023. The petitioner also claims that the patta stands in his name. While so, it is the duty of the survey department to conduct the survey, if an application has been made by the owner of the land for conducting survey. The petitioner has also applied for conducting survey in the month January 2023 and has also approached this Court in WP.(MD)No.18917 of 2023, wherein, the Revenue Officials have taken a plea that survey would be



conducted within a stipulated period. Recording the same, the said petition was closed. Even thereafter, the survey has not been conducted. The Revenue Officials has taken a plea that there was a law and order problem and without Police protection, they cannot conduct the survey. Therefore, this Court in WP.(MD)No. 17764 of 2024 directed the respondent Police to provide Police protection, if any request is made from the survey department.

9.It appears that request was made and Police protection was also provided and there was an attempt to conduct the survey, on 04.08.2025. However, there was a law and order problem. Some of the villagers have raised some objections and they have prevented the conduct of survey that they are the cultivating tenants of the subject land. However, it appears that there is no document in favour of the agitators to show that they are cultivating tenants and they have been recorded as cultivating tenants by the competent authority. The respondent Police has also registered a case in Cr.No.260 of 2025 as against the agitators.

10.From the above, it appears that there is some agitation by the villagers. The persons, who have involved in agitation, have to



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11.Considering the submission of the Inspector of Police, who is present before this Court that he is prepared to provide Police protection and the submission of the Revenue Officials that the surveyor would conduct survey within a period of one week, this contempt petition is closed.

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- 4.The Additional Public Prosecutor,
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
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