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W.P.(MD)NO.30323 OF 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.30323 of 2023

R.Gowri

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
O/o.the District Collector,
Pudukkottai District.

2. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Alangudi Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.

3. The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
WRO Division,
Pudukkottai District.

4. V.Karuppaiya

(R-4 cause title is amended vide order dated 08.04.2025.)

5. M.Karuppaiya

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing respondents 1 to 3 to remove the encroachment made by



respondents 4 and 5 in Rajagopala Samuthiram water body in survey No.88/10 and the Geographical water channel pass through in survey Nos.111/2, 116, 118, 94 and 96/4 in Vadakadu Village, Alangudi Taluk, Pudukkottai District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 28.08.2023, within the period as stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.I.Kalantar Aasik Ahamedu
For R-1 to R-3 : Mr.Ragavendran,
Government Advocate.

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3.

2. It is admitted by the authorities that the petition-mentioned survey numbers have been classified as water bodies. It appears that the private parties have used the said water body for doing cultivation.



3. We grant four months time to the authorities to have the encroachment removed. It is the duty of the authorities to ensure that the said encroachment does not recur ever again in future. The water body must be restored to its original condition also. This writ petition stands allowed on these terms. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
16th October 2025

NCC : Yes / No
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Internet : Yes / No

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