



W.P(MD)No.30676 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 30.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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A.Manimaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State represented by
The Secretary to Government,
Highways and Minor Ports Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Director General,
HRS Campus, Highways Department,
Opposite to Rajbhavan,
Little Mount, Guindy,
Chennai - 600 025.

3. The Divisional Engineer,
Highways (Construction and Maintenance) Dept.,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District.

4. The Assistant Divisional Engineer,
Highways (Construction and
Maintenance) Dept.,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.



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5. The Assistant Engineer,
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Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.

6. The District Collector,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.

7. Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District.

8. The Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.

9. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Vallam Sub Division,
Thanjavur District.

10. The Inspector of Police,
Thanjavur Taluk Police Station,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur District.

11. The Assistant Engineer,
TANGEDCO,
Soorakkottai, Thanjavur – 614 904.

12.Senthil

13.Geetha

14.Gomathi

15.Somasundaram

16.Tamilarasi

17.Shanmugasundaram

18. Chitra

... Respondents



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Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 10 to pay compensation of Rs.61,30,000/- for illegally demolishing and evicting the petitioner's hotel which is situated in the property of a private temple trust namely Sri Sutha Rathneswara Swamy Private Temple Trust and to take appropriate actions against the respondents 12 to 18 and recover the compensation from them by considering the petitioner's complaint / representations dated 27.06.2025 and 01.07.2025 in accordance with law within a time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.K.Amaravel Pandiyan

For Respondents : Mr.R.Ragavendran
Government Advocate
for R.1 to R.7

Mr.A.Albert James
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)
for R.8 to R.10

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2.The petitioner alleges that a portion of his hotel building was illegally demolished by the authorities without notice to him. He seeks payment of compensation.

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3.The learned Government Advocate on the other hand strongly asserts that the petitioner had encroached upon a channel and that in the process of restoring the channel to its original condition, a portion of the petitioner's building had to be demolished. Whether the petitioner is guilty of encroachment or not is a factual aspect. It cannot be determined in writ jurisdiction. The petitioner is given liberty to establish his case before the jurisdictional civil Court.

4.With the aforesaid liberty to the writ petitioner, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No
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