



Cont.P.(MD)No.3431 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 04.12.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

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in
W.P.(MD)No.22598 of 2025

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.N.O.Sukhaputra IAS.,
The District Collector/Monitoring Committee,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

2.V.Balamurugan,
The Tahsildar,
Srivilliputhur Taluk,
Virudhunagar District – 626 125.

3.Maheswari,
The Executive Engineer,
PWD/WRO,
Rajapalayam,
Virudhunagar District.

... Contemnors

Prayer : Contempt petition is filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to punish the Contemnors/Respondents 1 to 3 for their willful



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disobedience of the order passed by this Court made in
W.P.(MD)No.22598 of 2025, dated 21.08.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Vel Durai

For Respondents : Mr.S.Vinodh,
Government Advocate.

ORDER

This contempt petition has been filed on the basis that the direction given by us on 21.08.2025 in W.P.(MD)No.22598 of 2025 has not been complied with.

2.In fact, we had not given any specific direction as such. We only recorded the stand of the respondents that all the encroachments would be removed within four weeks with effect from 21.08.2025.

3.Subsequently, the alleged encroachers filed W.P.(MD)No.33351 of 2025. We had given breathing time to the encroachers. Since right to file an appeal under Section 10 of the Land Encroachment Act is a



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statutory right, we directed that the eviction action shall be put on hold till the appeal is disposed of.

4.In these circumstances, the respondents cannot be said to have committed any contempt. Therefore, we close this contempt petition. We give liberty to the petitioner to file a sub application and revive the contempt petition, if even after disposal of the appeal against the encroachers consequential action is not taken.

(G.R.S.J.) & (B.P.J.)
04.12.2025

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