



WP(MD). No.1097 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 10.01.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH
AND
THE HONOURABLE Dr.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary,
Commission of Land Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai - 600 005..

2. The District Collector,
Tenkasi District,
Tenkasi..

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sankarankoil Division,
Tenkasi District..

4. The Tahsildar,
Sankarankoil Taluk,
Tenkasi District..

5. The President,
Kalappakakulam Panchayat,
Kalappakulam,
Tenkasi..

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6. Thikvijayan @ Immanuel

... 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 4th respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 17.10.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Suresh Manickam

**For Respondents : Mr.S.Shaji Bino for R1 to R4
Spl. Government Pleader
Mr.J,Ashok for R5**

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by M.S.RAMESH,J.)

By consent of both sides, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2. Since no adverse orders are going to be passed against the respondent No.6, notice to the 6th respondent is dispensed with.

3. The writ petition has been filed for a direction to the 4th respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 17.10.2024.



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4. In order to remove the alleged encroachment said to have been made by the 6th respondent in the public pathway and in the Government lands, the petitioner has given a representation to the official respondents on 17.10.2024. Since the said representation has not been considered so far, the petitioner is before this Court with this petition.

5. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to Statutory Authorities, there is a duty cast upon them to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of the India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

6. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the concerned respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 17.10.2024 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner and



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the 7th respondent as well as all other persons, who may be interested in the subject matter, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the concerned respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

[M.S.R.,J]

[A.D.M.C.,J]

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