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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 28.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

W.P.No. 1888 of 2026
&
W.M.P.Nos. 1983 & 1984 of 2026

1.Perumal

2.Meena

3.Krishnaveni

4.Vijayalakshmi

...Petitioners

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Secretary to Government,
Animal Husbandary Y Fisheries Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.

2.The Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare,
Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Campus,



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Nandanam,
Chennai 600 035.

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3.The District Collector,
Krishnagiri District,
Krishnagiri.

4.The Regional Level Redressal Committee,
Rep. by its Deputy Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare
Dharmapuri Region,
Opp. Collectorate,
Dharmapuri

5.The Deputy Director,
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare,
Inland Fisheries,
Dharmapuri Region,
Opp. Collectorate,
Dharmapuri

6.The Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Fisheries & Fishermen Welfare Board,
Inland Fisheries,
KRP Dam,
Krishnagiri



7.FDR-4, Uthangarai Fishermen Cooperative Society,
Pambar Dam,
Uthangarai Taluk,
Krishnagiri District,
Rep. by its Administrative Officer.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India for issue of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the order passed by the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.No.2424/F3/20221 dated 24.12.2025 quash the same only in so far as the extension of lease period for two months and direct the respondents 1 to 6 to grant extension of lease period for fishing in the "Pamparu Tank" Uthangarai Taluk, Krishnagiri District which was granted as per the orders of the 6th respondent dated 09.03.2021 in Se.Mu.No.2558/E/2018 for further period of one year from 02.03.2026.

For Petitioner	:	Mr. V.Elangovan
For Respondents	:	Mrs. R.L.Karthika
1 to 6		Government Advocate
For Respondent 7:		Mr. C.Prasanna
		Government Advocate



ORDER

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To call for the records relating to the order passed by the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.No.2424/F3/20221 dated 24.12.2025 quash the same only in so far as the extension of lease period for two months and direct the respondents 1 to 6 to grant extension of lease period for fishing in the "Pamparu Tank" Uthangarai Taluk, Krishnagiri District which was granted as per the orders of the 6th respondent dated 09.03.2021 in Se.Mu.No.2558/E/2018 for further period of one year from 02.03.2026.”

2. The petitioners are members of the 7th respondent Cooperative Society.

3. The case of the petitioners is that except fishing there is no other occupation for its members. The petitioners would submit that the “Pamparu Dam” is under the control of the Fisheries Department and that previously fishing rights of the above dam was leased out to their society and the period of lease is to expire on 02.03.2026.



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4. The petitioners would submit that during the tenure of the lease, due to "*Fengal Cyclone*" there was heavy rain fall in Krishnagiri District and due to which, the dam shutter was opened and the entire inflow of water was released from the dam. The petitioners would submit that their 12 coracles and 120 kg of fishing nets were washed away in the flood.

5. Thereafter, the 2nd respondent without any notice and enquiry with the petitioners, passed an order in Na.Ka.No.2424/F3/2021 extending the lease period only for 2 months from the date of expiry of existing lease period i.e. 02.03.2026. Hence, the petitioners are before this Court.

6. This Court in a similar case in ***WP.No.22999 of 2025 dated 02.07.2025*** has passed the following order:

“Accordingly, the order passed by the 5th respondent dated 13.06.2025 is hereby quashed and the society is granted extension of lease for a period of six months from



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08.07.2025. *This case will not be cited as a precedent in any other case since such a relief is granted not because the petitioners have a right to seek for extension and the relief is granted considering the peculiar facts of the case and the real hardship faced by the 7th respondent society due to fengal cyclone.*

In the result, this writ petition is allowed in the above terms. It is made clear that beyond the period of 6 months, the petitioners will not be allowed to seeks for any extension of time and it is left open to the respondents to conduct fresh auction in order to lease out the fishing right of the Barur Big Tank. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.”

7. In the above judgement the learned Judge has observed that the said judgment will not be cited as a precedent in any other case. The learned Judge further observed that the relief is granted considering the peculiar facts of the case and the real hardship faced by the 7th respondent society due to fengal cyclone.



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8. The petitioners herein are also the victim of the fengal cyclone.

9. Considering the above, the impugned order is quashed and this writ petition is allowed in lines of the order passed in WP.No.22999 of 2025. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

No costs.

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