



WP No.1368 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.03.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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D.No. 1267 Meltheru, Kunnur post,
Pethanaickenpalayam Taluk,
Salem district 636 138

Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector
Salem District, Salem

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Attur, Salem District

3.The Tahsildar
Pethanaickenpalayam Taluk, Salem District

4.Subramaniam
S/o. Natesan, Pethanaickenpalayam Attur, Salem
district

5.Ganesan
Pethanaickenpalayam Attur, Salem district

6.Rajarathinam
Pethanaickenpalayam Attur, Salem district

7.Yosotha
Pethanaickenpalayam Attur, Salem district

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8.Papathi
Pethanaickenpalayam Attur, Salem District

9.Arunkumar
Pethanaickenpalayam Attur, Salem District

Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents 1 to 3 to remove the encroachments made by the respondents 4 to 9 comprised in S.Nos.332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378 and 379 ad measuring to an extent of around 75 acres situated at Adiyanur Village, Pethanaickenpalayam Taluk, Salem district classified as Anadeenam.

For Petitioner : Ms.J.Gayathri
For Mr. N.Ranjith Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate
For R1 To R3.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This writ petition filed as a public interest litigation under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeks direction upon respondents 1 to 3 to remove the encroachments made by respondents 4 to 9 comprised in S.Nos.332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378 and 379 ad-measuring an extent of around 75 acres situated at Adiyanur Village, Pethanaickenpalayam Taluk, Salem District classified as Anadeenam.



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2. Learned State Counsel, on instructions, submitted that a detailed survey was conducted by the surveyor on 23.02.2026, wherein two encroachers have been found to have encroached land to an extent of around 19 acres. Notice under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905 has been issued to the encroachers on 13.03.2026. After receiving reply, the authorities will proceed further in accordance with law and also remove the encroachments.

3. On the basis of the statement made by learned State Counsel, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the official respondents to complete the enforcement action in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There will be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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