



W.P.No.4005 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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&

W.M.P.No.4475 of 2026

Sridharan
Son of Parasuraman
No. 64 -Pakkamudaiyanpet Main Road
Poiyakulam, Puducherry 605 008.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government
Adhi Dravida Welfare and Schedule
Tribes Welfare Department
Kamaraj Salai, Gnanathiyagu Nagar
Puducherry -605 009.
2. The Director
Adhi Dravida Welfare and Schedule
Tribes Welfare Department
Kamaraj Salai, Gnanathiyagu Nagar
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3. The District Collector
Department of Revenue and Disaster Management
Puducherry.



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4. P. Gunasekaran
5. N.Deivarasan
6. S. Sivasankaran
- 7.S. Radhakrishnan
- 8.E.Mahalakshmi
- 9.E. Muthusamy
- 10.S.Sivarajan
- 11.A.Veeravelu
- 12.R. Suresh
- 13.D.Kalaivannan
- 14.E.Sudhakar
- 15.S. Sarubala
- 16.M.Madhavan
- 17.V. Veeran
- 18.P.Narayanamurthy
- 19.T.Dhanasekar
- 20.P.Vinothsmji
- 21.B. Sakthivel
- 22.G.UmaiyaI
- 23.A.Arulmurugan
- 24.B. Sivagami
- 25.D.Srinivasan
- 26.A. UmaiyaI
- 27.M.Manivannan
- 28.V.Palanivel
- 29.M.Elango
- 30.M.Kalpana
- 31.P.Vinayagamurugan
- 32.K. Subramanian
- 33.M. Shanmugam
- 34.J. Vijaya
- 35.K.Babu
- 36.S.Malliga
- 37.P.Rajavelu
- 38.S. Punganam
- 39.A.Sumitha
- 40.S.Murugaiyan
- 41.S. Seenukumar
- 42.M.Kothandaraman



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- 43.T.Varalakshmi
- 44.M.Devaki
- 45.R. Selvam
- 46.R.Samundeeswari
- 47.V. Manimaran
- 48.V.Hari
- 49.T.Hariharan
- 50.K.Karunakaran
- 51.M. Gunasekaran
- 52.S.Chinnaponnu
- 53.V. Kalaivannan
- 54.R.Baskar
- 55.J. Mugunthan
- 56.P.Jayaprakash
- 57.M.Karthikeyan
- 58.R.Radhakrishnan
- 59.K.Rukumani @ Shanthi
- 60.S.Bharathidasan
- 61.M.Selvaraj
- 62.A.Veerammal
- 63.R.Harikrishnan
- 64.Kalaiselvi
- 65.B.Murugan
- 66.K.Arumugam
- 67.A.Ezhumalai
- 68.S.Thirugnanamurthy
- 69.A.Valliammal
- 70.L. Angappan
- 71.M.Malarmannan
- 72.R.Perumal Raj
- 73.K. Ramajeyam
- 74.A.Arisakthi
- 75.S. Pazhniyandi
- 76.R.Kala
- 77.V. Sriraman
- 78..V. Narayanasami
- 79.R. Muthulatuchmi
- 80.E. Murugaveni
- 81.Ezhilarasi
- 82.S.Ramasamy



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83.G. Kumar
84.N. Rajagopal @ Sengeni
85.S. Kalainathan
86.K.Ganesan

Respondent(s)

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Declaration declaring that the assignment of free house site pattas to respondents 4 to 86 in respect of land comprised in Survey No. 165/5 of Manapattu Revenue Village, Bahour Commune, Puducherry by respondents 1 to 3 is illegal, arbitrary, and contrary to the eligibility criteria and procedural safeguards mandated under the "Provision of House Sites to Scheduled Castes, 1981" Scheme and the Puducherry Land Grant Rules, 1975, consequently to direct the respondents No. 1 to 3 to invite fresh applications from the public/eligible persons across Puducherry, by adopting a transparent, fair and verifiable selection process strictly in accordance with the above Scheme and Rules.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. N.U. Pressanna

For Respondent(s): Mr. V.Vasanthakumar
Addl. Govt. Pleader (Puducherry)
for R1 to R3



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

In this public interest litigation, petitioner is questioning the entire process, by which, official respondents have initiated the process of allotment of lands and consequential allotment of lands to private respondents.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for official respondents would bring to the notice of this Court that the legality and validity of the allotments made, which have been questioned in this petition, are already under challenge before this Court in W.P.No.33645 of 2025.

3. Though learned counsel for petitioner would submit that in that case, challenge is made to the process by an individual who is seeking allotment of land for himself, taking into consideration that in the said writ petition, this Court will have an occasion to examine the correctness and validity of the process of selection, we are of the considered view that it is not necessary for us to examine the



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same through this public interest litigation.

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4. Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

Consequently, the interim application is also closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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