



W.P.No.6474 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.04.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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S/o.Meignana Desigar
C.Kuchipalayam Village
C.Kallipattu Post
Villupuram Taluk.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Villupuram District
Villupuram.
2. The Thasildhar
Villupuram.
3. The Block Development Officer
Koliyanur
Villupuram District.
4. The Block Development Officer
Kandamangalam
Villupuram District.

Respondent(s)



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Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to remove the encroachments in the irrigation channel starting from Pennaiyar river in Arasamangalam Village, Villupuram Taluk passing through Survey Nos.331A2, 333B1, 331B, 332 (River bund) 311 (Anaikattu), 315, 359, 361, 337, 340, 370, 371, 480, 484, 459, 460, 32, 36, 552/1, 561/1, 574/1, 577/1, 579/1, 581/1, 584/1, 588/1, 589/1, 590/1, 591/1, 637, 639 and 640 in Arasamangalam village and in S.Nos.113/1, 144, 115, 116, 22, 43 and 79 in C.Kallipattu village, and S.Nos.278, 267, 250, 269, 47, 103, 130, 320, 134, 331, 57, 66, 171, 179, 178, 244, 246, 173/1 in Vadavambalam Village and thereby free the river bund channels from encroachments.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. K.Palaniappan

For Respondent(s): Mr. K.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate for R1 to R4.

ORDER

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

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents to remove the encroachments in the irrigation channel starting from Pennaiyar river in Arasamangalam Village, Villupuram Taluk passing through Survey



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Nos.331A2, 333B1, 331B, 332 (River bund) 311 (Anaikattu), 315, 359, 361, 337, 340, 370, 371, 480, 484, 459, 460, 32, 36, 552/1, 561/1, 574/1, 577/1, 579/1, 581/1, 584/1, 588/1, 589/1, 590/1, 591/1, 637, 639 and 640 in Arasamangalam village and in S.Nos.113/1, 144, 115, 116, 22, 43 and 79 in C.Kallipattu village, and S.Nos.278, 267, 250, 269, 47, 103, 130, 320, 134, 331, 57, 66, 171, 179, 178, 244, 246, 173/1 in Vadavambalam Village.

2. Counter-affidavit has been filed by second respondent, in which, it is stated as follows:

“11. With regard to the averments of the petitioner set out in paras 11 to 13 of this affidavit, I respectfully submit that to identify and remove the encroachments in the above survey fields, Form-I details were requested from this 2nd respondent by the Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Department, vide his letter No.01/F.Encroachment/2026/AE/VPM01/dated 28.02.2026. In response to this, the Form I details were sent to the Assistant Engineer, W.R.D. with the details of 355 encroachers in the aforesaid Vadavambalam Vaikkal vide this office ref.No.Na.Ka.A1/3929/2024 dated 11.03.2026.

12. I respectfully submit that in pursuance of the said Form-I notice, the Form-II notices were published in a



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conspicuous place in the Village Administrative Offices, Village Panchayat Office of Arasamangalam, C.Kallipattu and Vadavambalam Villages on 13.03.2026. Action is being pursued by the W.R.D. Department to evict the encroachments under due process of law. Necessary show-cause notices are being prepared by the WRD Department to be issued to the encroachers along with a copy of Form-II, to call for their objections and there upon final eviction notices in Form-III will be issued.

13. I respectfully submit that the entire Revenue Officials have been posted and engaged in the works relating to General Elections to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly 2026, however in due course necessary further action will be undertaken.

14. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the above mentioned facts and circumstances, I humbly pray that this Hon'ble High Court may be pleased to take this counter affidavit on record and pass such further or other order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice."

3. In view of the fact that the proceedings are under way and respondents have already forwarded the list of encroachers to Water Resources Department, respondents are directed to complete the



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process in accordance with law, within a period of four months from the date of receipt of copy of the order.

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

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