



W.A.No.395 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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&

C.M.P.No.3600 of 2026

Babulal
S/o Abdul Jaffar
Door.No.166, Kurrupatti Village
Maathigiri Post, Hosur Taluk
Krishnagiri District 635 109.

Appellant(s)

Vs

1. The Arbitrator Cum District Collector
Collectorate Office
Krishnagiri District.
2. The Competent Authority/
Special District Revenue Officer Land
Acquisition National Highways 844
(Hosur Royakottai Dharmapuri Section)
Krishnagiri District.
3. The Project Director (NH 844)
National Highways Authority Of India
Piu Krishnagiri, 259/1, Salem Main Road
Near KAKC Petrol Bunk
Krishnagiri District.



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4. The Executive Engineer
Construction And Maintenance
Public Works Department
Krishnagiri District.

Respondent(s)

Prayer : Appeal under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent seeking to set aside the impugned order dated 08.01.2026 passed in W.P.No.14886 of 2025.

For Appellant(s): Mr. C.Prabakar For Mr.
R.Ramesh Raja

For Respondent(s): Mr. K.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate
for R1, R2 & R4
Mrs. S.R.Sumathy
Standing Counsel for R3

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was delivered by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Challenge to the order of the learned Single Judge is premised mainly on the submission that once the writ petition was filed and status quo order was passed by writ Court, further proceedings and implementation of award could not be allowed.

2. It is not the case of appellant that after the status quo



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order was passed on 25.04.2025, award was passed.

3. From the records, it is clear that even prior to the passing of interim order of status quo on 05.04.2025, award was passed on 13.03.2025.

4. If that be so, the remedy of appellant lies in challenging the award by taking recourse to the proceedings known to law. That is what learned Single Judge has done. Therefore, reserving liberty, as has been granted by learned Single Judge, appeal is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the interim application is also dismissed.

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

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