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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNASWAMY GOVINDARAJAN

WP No. 27669 of 2012

CNR: {HCMA010309452012}

1. Yacob
2. Prabhu
3. Murugan
4. Devasena
5. Dharman
6. Shanmugam
7. Deenadayalan
8. Kathirvelu
9. Jagadish
10. Dandapani
11. Chandran
12. Rathinaswamy
13. Murthy
14. Ramamurthy
15. C.Varadarajan
16. Govindaraji
17. S.Babu

...Petitioner(s)

Vs

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1. State of Tamil Nadu,
   Rep. by its Secretary To Government,
   Revenue Department,
   Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

2. The Chairman,
   Tamil Nadu Electricity Board,
   Anna Salai, Chennai-600 002.

3. The District Collector,
   Thiruvallur District,
   Thiruvallur.

4. The Special Tahsildar (land Acquisition), North
   Madras Thermal Power Project,
   No.4, Jones Road, Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.

5. The Chief Engineer,
   North Madras Thermal Power Project,
   Ennore, Chennai.

6. The Tahsildar,
   Ponneri Taluk, Tiruvallur District.

...Respondent(s)

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to comply with the Permanent Proceedings i.e. Permanent B.P(FB) No.3 (Administration branch) dated 25.01.1990 and to give employment to one male member of each one of the petitioners family of Athipattu Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District or to one relative recommended by each one of the petitioners family from whom the lands have been acquired for North Madras Thermal Power Project and in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Arunkumar

For Respondents 1,3,4,&6: Mr.C.P.Gowtham
Government Advocate

For Respondents 2 & 5: Mr.N.Mohan Nivas

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The prayer in the Writ Petition is to direct the respondents to comply with the Permanent Proceedings i.e. Permanent B.P(FB) No.3 (Administration branch) dated 25.01.1990 and to provide employment to one male member of each one of the petitioners' family of Athipattu Village, Ponneri Taluk, Thiruvallur District or to one relative recommended by each one of the petitioners family from whom the lands have been acquired for North Madras Thermal Power Project and in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Board.

2. The Writ Petitioners lost their lands in the land acquisition proceedings and have filed the present writ petition. The lands were acquired for the purpose of establishing the North Madras Thermal Power Project. It is the case of the Writ Petitioners that, apart from the compensation for the acquired lands, the Government had also promised to provide employment to the members of their families. Since appointments have not been given, they have approached this Court by way of this Writ Petition.

3. On the other hand, the respondents opposed the claim, stating that compensation had already been paid and that the claim seeking appointment is legally unsustainable and therefore, prayed for the dismissal of the Writ Petition.

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4. Heard the counsel for the Petitioners and the respondents.

5. The issue is no longer *res integra* in view of the recent judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Sanjeev Kumar v. State of Haryana & Ors.*** reported in **2025 LiveLaw (SC) 1079**, in Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(S).30798/2025. The same is extracted hereunder:

> *3. Under the provisions of the Act, on the land being acquired, the petitioner or his family is entitled only to the compensation which has already been paid. There is no provision for grant of job in lieu of the acquired land. The policy decision, if any, of giving job in lieu of the acquired land cannot prevail over the statutory provisions and as such, we find no error or illegality on the part of the authorities and the High Court in dismissing the claim of the petition for job, which was filed after more than 18 years of the framing of the policy.*

6. In view of the above said position, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, the connected Writ Miscellaneous Petition, if any, stands closed.

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Anna Salai, Chennai-2.

3. The District Collector,
Thiruvallur District, Thiruvallur.

4..The Special Tahsildar (land Acquisition),
North Madras Thermal Power Project,
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