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W.P.No.6054 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and W.M.P.Nos.6561, 6563 and 6564 of 2026

Thalapathi Arunkumar
S/o.Shanmugavadivel,
No.10/303 Kamaraj Street,
Avinashi Town,
Avinashi Taluk,
Tiruppur District

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The District Collector
Erode District
- 2.The Special Officer/
Block Development Officer (VP)
Thalavadi, Erode District
- 3.The Tahsildar
Sathyamangalam,
Erode District
- 4.The President
Hasanur Panchayat,
Thalavadi, Erode District



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5.The Superintending Engineer
The Tamil Nadu Generation and
Distribution Corporation Limited,
Erode District

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari calling for the records relating to the impugned Lock and Seal order dated 13.01.2026 in Order No.705/2025/B2-17 passed by the 2nd respondent quash the same.

For Petitioner: Mr.M.Guruprasad

For Respondents: Mr.E.Vijay Anand
Addl. Government Pleader

ORDER

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

Heard.

2. Challenge to the notice dated 13.1.2026 is based essentially on the issue of the actual use of the premises. Admittedly, according to the petitioner, the licence for using the building as resort was surrendered. Though it is the case of the petitioner that thereafter the petitioner has not used the building as a resort, from the turn of events culminating in issuance of the impugned notice on 13.1.2026, it is evident that, in compliance of various directions issued by this Court from time to time to ensure stoppage of illegal resorts in and around tiger reserve area, inspections were carried out by the authorities and



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during that inspection, according to the respondents, the petitioner was found using the premises as resort and not as a place of residence. Even according to the petitioner, the respondent authorities have arrived at the spot, made spot inspection, that followed issuance of the impugned notice. Therefore, what transpires is that it is a case of disputed questions of fact with regard to the actual use of the premises.

3. In these circumstances, in exercise of our discretion, we are not inclined to go into the disputes of factual nature. The petitioner has an alternative remedy. Therefore, we leave it open for the petitioner to workout his remedy as may be available under the law.

The writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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