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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 6260 of 2026

M.Thangaraj
S/o.MuthusamiGounder @ Muthu Goundar,
44, V.Mettupalayam,
Vellodu Post,
Perundurai Taluk,
Erode- 638 112.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
District collectorate Office,
Erode District.
2. The District Revnue Officer
Erode,
Erode District.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Revenue Divisional Office,
Erode.
4. The Tahsildar
Taluk Office,
Perundurai,
Erode District.
5. Dhanapal
S/o.Muthusamy Goundar,
23, V.Mettupalayam,
Vadamugam, Vellodu,
Perundurai- 638 112.

..Respondent(s)



Directing the 3rd respondent / Revenue Divisional Officer, Erode to conduct enquiry and dispose the appeal filed by the petitioner on 13.10.2020 as against the order passed by the 4th respondent vide Na.Ka. No.4186/ 2019/A8 dated 17.09.2019 and may pass.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Arunprasath

For Respondent(s): Mr.T.Arunkumar,
Addl.G.P. for R1 to R4

Order

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

Writ of Mandamus has been instituted seeking for a direction to the 3rd respondent/ Revenue Divisional Officer, Erode, to conduct an enquiry and disposal of the appeal filed by the petitioner on 13.10.2020, challenging the order passed by the Tahsildar dated 17.09.2019.

2. The application came to be filed in the year 2020 and about 5 ½ years have lapsed. This Court will not direct the authorities to dispose of the application out of turn, unless an urgency is established by a party approaching the competent authority. Routine direction to dispose of the representation would do no service to the cause of justice. However, in cases where the petitions were kept pending for long time by the authorities, it would be necessary for the Courts to intervene and issue direction to dispose of the same. Even under such circumstances, the urgency raised by the petitioner is also to be considered by the authority, while treating the petition as urgent, since many number of similar petitions may be pending before the authority



concerned.

3. Taking note of the facts and circumstances, the 3rd respondent is directed to dispose of the petitioner's application dated 13.10.2020 as expeditiously as possible, by affording an opportunity to the parties concerned. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (K.S.,J.)
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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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