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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP Nos. 7308, 7312 & 7316 of 2022

and

WMP Nos. 7345, 7348 & 7349 of 2022

W.P.No.7308 of 2022:

S.Thiyagarajan

..Petitioner

Vs

The Block Development Officer,
(Village Panchayat),
Srimushnam, Cuddalore District.

..Respondent

WP No. 7312 of 2022:

S.Manivannan

..Petitioner

Vs

The Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat),
Srimushnam, Cuddalore District.

..Respondent

WP No. 7316 of 2022:

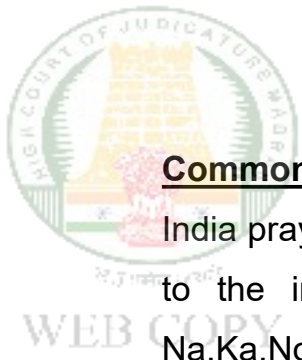
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..Petitioner

Vs

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Srimushnam, Cuddalore District.

..Respondent



Common Prayer: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the entire records relating to the impugned order passed by the respondent in his proceedings Na.Ka.No. A2/1589/2021, dated 24.02.2022 and quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.C.Prakasam in all WPs

For Respondent : Mr.T.Arunkumar,
Addl. Govt. Pleader in all Wps

Order

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

The notice dated 24.02.2022 issued under Section 131 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 is under challenge in the present Writ proceedings.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that no opportunity has been given and through the impugned notice the petitioners are directed to vacate the occupied portion of the land. He would further submit that the petitioners have produced documents to establish their rights, but the same has not been considered.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader would oppose by stating that the show cause notice issued is under challenge. Therefore, the documents filed by the petitioners are to be considered by the competent Authority for taking final decision to evict the encroachments, if any, identified.



4. The procedures are contemplated under Section 131(2) of the Panchayats Act. The Executive Authority/ Block Development Officer on receipt of explanation has to consider and take final decision and submit a final report to the jurisdictional Tahsildar for initiation of enforcement actions under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905.

5. In view of Section 131 of the Panchayats Act, the Block Development Officer is directed to initiate all appropriate actions for submission of detailed report to the Tahsildar for initiation of eviction proceedings. The petitioners are at liberty to defend their case by submitting explanation, documents, if any, which is to be considered before taking a final decision. The said exercise is directed to be completed within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above directions, these Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (K.S.,J.)
12-03-2026

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