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W.P.No.8078 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Arbitrator-cum-District Collector,
Collectorate Office,
Krishnagiri District.

2.Competent Authority & Special District
Revenue Officer – (Land Acquisition National Highways-844),
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.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to conduct the further enquiry in claim petition dated 20.10.2023 by following the procedure of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 and consider and dispose of the above said claim petition filed by the petitioner within a time to be stipulated by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Rameshraj
For Respondents : Mr.D.Ravichander
Special Government Pleader [R1 & R2]
Mr.Su.Srinivasan
Senior Standing Counsel [R3]

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to direct the 1st respondent to pass an arbitral award in the claim petition filed by the petitioner with regard to the acquisition of the petitioner's land, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. The petitioner's grievance in this writ petition is that, despite having filed the claim petition as early as on 20.10.2023 itself in respect of the acquired land of the petitioner, till date the 1st respondent has not passed the award.

3. Mr.D.Ravichander, learned Special Government Pleader, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents 1 and 2 and Mr.Su.Srinivasan, learned Senior Standing Counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the 3rd respondent.

4. No prejudice would be caused to the respondents, if a direction is issued to the 1st respondent to pass an award on merits and in accordance with



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law, by adhering to the principles of natural justice on the petitioner's claim petition, dated 20.10.2023, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of by directing the 1st respondent to pass an award on the claim petition filed by the petitioner dated 20.10.2023 seeking compensation for the acquired land of his property by adhering to the principles of natural justice, within a period of six (6) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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Index : Yes / No

Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation Case : Yes/No

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To

1.The Special District Revenue Officer (LA),
Chennai Metro Rail Limited,
No.327, 4th Floor Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035.

2.The Managing Director,
Chennai Metro Rail Limited,
No.327, 4th Floor Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035.

3.The District Collector,
Collectorate, Chengalpattu,
GST Road, Chengalpattu – 603 001.

4.The District Collector,
Collectorate, Chennai, No.62, 4th Floor, Rajaji Salai,
Beach Road, George Town, Chennai – 600 001.



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ABDUL QUDDHOSE, J.

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