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WP No. 8759 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 11-03-2026**

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**THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE**

**WP No. 8759 of 2026**

**AND**

**WMP NO. 9427 OF 2026, WMP NO. 9428 OF 2026**

1. N.Ramabhatra  
S/o. Late .C. Nanja Gowder, Door  
No.8/36, Najanadu, Udhagamandalam  
Taluk, The Nilgiris.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector  
The Nilgiris District, The Nilgiris,
- 2.Revenue Divisional Officer  
Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris
- 3.The Special officer  
Nanjanad Panchayat, Block  
Development Officer (VP)  
Udhagamandalam, The Nilgiris
- 4.The Executive Authority /The  
President  
Nanjanad Village Panchayat,  
Udhagamandalam Block, The Nilgiris
- 5.The Revenue Inspector (I/C)  
Udhagamandalam Town, The Nilgiris

Respondent(s)

**PRAYER**

Calling for the entire records pertaining to the notice by 3rd Respondent dated 11.02.2026 and subsequent notice dated 17.02.2026 issued by the 5th Respondent quash the same consequently direct the Respondents 1 and 3 to conduct fair enquiry as per the order dated 21.08.2025 passed in W.P. No.7813



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.G Govarthanan

For Respondent(s): Dr.T.Seenivasan,SGP For R3  
and R4

### **ORDER**

This writ petition has been filed, challenging the impugned notice dated 11.02.2026 issued by the 3rd respondent and the subsequent notice dated 17.02.2026 issued by the 5th respondent.

2. According to the petitioner, without conducting a fair enquiry, as directed by this Court on 21.08.2025 in the earlier writ petition filed by the petitioner in W.P. No. 7813 of 2025, the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent as well as the 5<sup>th</sup> respondent have issued the impugned notices.

3. Admittedly, the impugned notices are stop-work notices issued to the petitioner. The learned counsel for the petitioner, on instructions, would also submit that the petitioner has stopped proceeding with the construction. Therefore, the question of interfering with the impugned notices dated 11.02.2026 and 17.02.2026 does not arise.

4. The grievance of the petitioner in this writ petition is that with regard to the proceedings for the cancellation of the building plan granted to the petitioner earlier, necessarily, the respondents will have to conduct a proper enquiry in compliance with the directions issued by this Court in the earlier writ



petition in W.P. No. 7813 of 2025. In the said writ petition, in paragraph Nos. 11 and 12 of the order dated 21.08.2025, this Court has observed as follows:

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*“11. This Court directs the third respondent to conduct a detailed enquiry after giving due notice to the petitioner as well as to the general public/interested parties who raised the complaint and to file a report before the first respondent within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.*

*12. This Court further directs the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 03.02.2025, after giving due notice to the petitioner as well as interested parties, opportunity of personal hearing and to consider the documents submitted by the petitioner and other parties, on merits, and in accordance with law, and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the enquiry report submitted by the third respondent.”*

5. Necessarily, the respondents will have to abide by the aforesaid directions issued by this Court on 21.08.2025 in the earlier writ petition filed by the petitioner in W.P. No. 7813 of 2025.

6. This Court, after making it clear that the respondents will have to adhere by the directions issued by this Court on 21.08.2025 in W.P. No.7813 of 2025, is not interfering with the impugned notices dated 11.02.2026 and 17.02.2026 since the petitioner himself has stated before this Court through his



counsel that the petitioner has stopped construction in the property, which is the subject matter of the impugned notices.

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7. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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**ABDUL QUDDHOSE J.**

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