



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15-06-2026

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**THE HON'BLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE N. MALA**

Writ Petition No. 11776 of 2023

Jayavel

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector
Dharmapuri District,
Dharmapuri-635 305.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
office of the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Dharmapuri District-635 305.
3. The Thasildar
Harur Taluk,
Dharmapuri District-635 305.
4. The Superintendent of Police,
Dharmapuri District, Dharmapuri0635 305.
5. The Block Development Officer
Block Development Office,
Morappur, Dharmapuri District
6. Jayavel
7. Marimuthu
8. Salammal

..Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,
praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 3 to take



action and remove the illegal encroachments made by the respondents 6 to 8 in S.No.122/3 to an extent of 0.10.0 Hectares which has been classified as 'Odai' situated at Polayampalli Village, Harur Taluk, Dharmapuri District.

For Petitioner: Mr.K.Balu
M.R.Elavarasan
R.Divya
V.Sivaraman

For Respondents: Mr. B. Siva Kollapan
Government Advocate For R1 to R5

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.G.Jayachandran J.)

The Tahsildar, Harur, has filed an affidavit clarifying the conflicting versions previously placed before this Court regarding the existence and removal of encroachments.

2. Based on the affidavit and the accompanying photographs, it is seen that the encroachment has already been removed. Hence, We find that nothing survives in this writ petition filed as a Public Interest Litigation.

3. However, we must add that the mere removal of encroachment is not sufficient. The Village Administrative Officer, Tahsildar and other authorities must ensure that no attempts are made to re-encroach upon the land. Hence, the 1st respondent, District Collector, is directed to issue memorandum to all subordinates instructing to prevent future encroachments. If any re-



encroachment occurs, strict departmental action shall be initiated against the responsible revenue authorities for dereliction of duty.

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4. With these observations, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(Dr.G.J.,J.) (N.M.,J.)
15-06-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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