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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.RAJESH VIVEKANANTHAN

W.P.No.13717 of 2026
CNR:{HCMA010661692026}

S.Prabu

… Petitioner

-vs-

1. The District Collector
   Salem District,
   Salem - 636 001.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
   Attur Division,
   Salem District - 636 102

3. The Tahsildar
   Thalaivasal Taluk,
   Salem District - 636 112.

… Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, directing the respondents to take appropriate and time bound action to remove the encroachments and obstructions in the water channel (Odai matrum Neervazhi Vaaikkal) situated at Manivizhudhan South Village, so as to ensure the free flow of excess water from the Vasishta River to Manivizhudhan Eri, a water body in Salem district, and further direct the Respondents to clear the obstruction in the Cart Track (Vandipaathai) leading to the Samberiyan TempleK, which is customarily and continuously used by the residents of Manivizhudhan North Village, Manivizhudhan South Village and Kumarapalayam Village in Salem District, and consequently restore the natural drainage system, and

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remove the encroachment in the Government Tharisu Land at Manivizhudhan South Village.

(Prayer amended as per order dated 24.04.2026)

For Petitioner: Mr.R.Rajakumaran

For Respondents: Mr.S.Rishab Narayan, GA for R1 to R3

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O R D E R

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

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to take appropriate and time bound action to remove the encroachments and obstructions in the water channel (Odai matrum Neervazhi Vaaikkal) situated at Manivizhudhan South Village, so as to ensure the free flow of excess water from the Vasishta River to Manivizhudhan Eri, a water body in Salem district, and further direct the Respondents to clear the obstruction in the Cart Track (Vandipaathai) leading to the Samberiyan TempleK, which is customarily and continuously used by the residents of Manivizhudhan North Village, Manivizhudhan South Village and Kumarapalayam Village in Salem District, and consequently restore the natural drainage system, and remove the encroachment in the Government Tharisu Land at Manivizhudhan South Village.

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2. With reference to the relief sought for in the present Writ Petition, learned Government Advocate appearing for R1 to R3, based on the written instructions of Tahsildar, Thalaivasal Taluk, Salem District dated 09.11.2026, would submit that Authorities conducted survey and inspection and identified encroachments.

3. In view of the above submission, Respondents are directed to proceed with enforcement action and remove encroachments by following procedures as contemplated under the relevant provisions of Statute and Rules in force. The entire exercise is directed to be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(S.M.S.,J.) (R.R.V.,J.)
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