



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 11309 of 2024

Muthubala Krishnan Suyambulingam
S/o. Suyambulingam ,
No. 16 Poonga Street ,
Panchayat Colony, Pammal, Chennai 75
Kancheepuram District

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Engineer - Pwd- Wro
Chennai Region- Palar Basin Circle ,
Chepauk Chennai 05
- 2.The Executive Engineer- Pwd- Wro
Water Resource Department,
Lower Palar Basin Division, Vadi Nila Kottam,
Kancheepuram District
- 3.The Assistant Executive Engineer - Pwd- Wro
Gst Road, Near Taluk Police Station,
Jck Nagar, Chengalpattu, Pin Code 603 002
Chengalpattu District
- 4.The Assistant Engineer
Public Works Department
No. 6/356 Atlee Street, David Nagar,
Mudichur- Tambaram- Walajabad Road,
Padappai, Chennai 601 301
Kancheepuram District
- 5.The District Collector
Kancheepuram District.
- 6.District Revenue Officer
Kancheepuram District.



7.The Divisional Engineer
Highways Department,
(construction And Maintenance)
Kancheepuram District.

***R5 to 7 are impleaded
as per order dated 25.03.2026
passed in WMP.No.1492 of 2025

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay compensation for having utilized the land measuring 550 square meters (13.58 cents) out of 1213 square meter (29.96 cents) of land situated in Ward No. D, Block No.1, comprised in Town Survey No. 1/5 Old survey No. 6/2A bearing Old Patta No. 2241 in Village No. 133, Kishkinda Road, Tambaram Taluk, Kancheepuram District in terms of the provisions contained under Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 and also to provide access to enable the petitioner to reach his remaining land measuring 663 square meter (16.38 cents) within a time limit that may be specified by this Honble court.

For Petitioner(s) Mr.R.Dakshian Murthy

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.Gowthamaraj, GA

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents to pay compensation for having utilized the subject land.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that in this case, the petitioner's land was put into use by PWD for the purpose of providing a



canal to drain the excess water. However, they had not acquired the subject land by following due process of law. Further, he would contend that the petitioner was not given any access to enter into the remaining portion of the subject land.

3. Today, the learned counsel for the respondents would fairly admitted that the subject land is utilised by the PWD for the purpose of providing a canal to drain the excess water. However, he would also submit that the acquisition proceedings are initiated and forwarded to the appropriate Authorities for passing of orders. Hence, he seeks for 8 weeks time.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the respondent and also perused the entire materials available on record.

5. In the case on hand, there is no dispute on the aspect that the petitioner's land is being utilised by Public Works Department for the purpose of providing a canal to drain the excess water. In such case, the respondent is supposed to have acquired the said land by following due process of law. However, without doing so, the respondents are simply utilising the subject land as a water channel, which is not proper.

6. In view of the above, the respondents 6 & 7 are directed to acquire the subject land by following due process of law within a period of 8 weeks from



the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the compensation for the acquired portion shall be determined within a period of 4 weeks from the date of acquisition. Further, it is made clear that the petitioner is also entitled for interest on the compensation amount, to be determined, from the date of utilisation of subject land by PWD till the date of deposit of the said amount.

7. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No cost.

8. Post this matter on 15.06.2026 for reporting compliance.

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