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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.04.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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A.Radhakrishnan
S/o. T.Arumuga Gounder
38, Mettu Agraharam
Salem - 636 001

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Vigilance Commissioner
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009

2.The Secretary to Government
Public Department, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009

3.The Secretary to Government
Revenue Department, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009

4.The Secretary to Government
Home Department, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009

5.The Secretary to Government
Public Works Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009



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6.The Secretary to Government
Housing and Urban Development
Department, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009

7.The Secretary to Government
Municipal Administration and water
supply Department, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009

8.The Secretary to Government
Energy Department, Secretariat
Chennai - 600 009

9.The Commissioner of Revenue
Administration, Ezhilagam

10.The Commissioner of Land
Administration Administration
Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai

11.The Commissioner of Survey and
Settlements, Survey House
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005

12.The Director of Town and Country
Planning
Koyambedu, Chennai - 600 107

13.The Commissioner of Municipal
Administration
75, Urban Administrative Building
MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram
Santhome High Road
Chennai - 600 028

14.The Chairman
Tamil Nadu Generation and
Distribution Corporation Limited
NPKRR Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai
Chennai- 600 002



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15.The Additional Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited
NPKRR Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai
Chennai- 600002

16.The Engineer in Chief/
Chief Engineer (General)
Buildings Wing, Chepauk
Chennai- 600 005

17.The Director General of Police/
Head of the Police Force
Kamarajar Salai, Chennai - 600 004

18.The Director of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption
293, MKN Road, Alandur
Chennai - 600 016.

(RR1 to 18 deleted from the array of respondents vide order dated 16.04.2026 made in WMP.16065/2026 in WP.12275/2026)

19.The District Executive Magistrate/
Collector
Salem Town - 636 001

20.The Additional District Executive Magistrate/District Revenue Officer
Salem Town - 636 001

21.The Sub Divisional Executive Magistrate/Revenue Divisional Officer
Bhavani Road, Mettur,
Salem District-636401

22.The Taluk Executive Magistrate/Tahsildar
Mettur, Salem District - 636 401



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23.The Superintendent of Police
Nethimedu, Salem - 636 002

**(R23 deleted from the array of
respondents vide order dated
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in WP.12275/2026)**

24.The Deputy Director
District Town and Country Planning
office
Salem - Irumbaalai Main Road
Thalavaipatti Ooratchi Village
Kollampatti Post, Salem-636 302

25.The Regional Director of Municipal
Administration
Rajendra Chatram,
Leigh Bazaar Road, Arisipalayam
Salem - 636 009

**(R25 deleted from the array of
respondents vide order dated
16.04.2026 made in WMP.16065/2026
in WP.12275/2026)**

26.The Municipal Commissioner
Mettur Municipality, Chinnamettur
Mettur, Salem District - 636 401

27.The Superintending Engineer
(Buildings)
Constructions and Maintenance
Kumarasampatty, Salem - 636 007

28.The Superintending Engineer
Tamil Nadu Generation and
Distribution Corporation Limited
Mettur, Salem District - 636 401



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(RR27 & 28 deleted from the array of respondents vide order dated 16.04.2026 made in WMP.16065/2026 in WP.12275/2026)

29.Venkatachalam
Taluk Office compound, Mettur
Salem District - 636 401

30.R. Mani
Taluk Office Compound, Mettur
Salem District - 636 401

31.P. Palanisamy
S/o. Ponnusamy
Taluk office Compound, Mettur
Salem District - 636 401

32.Malliga
W/o. Arumugam
Taluk Office Compound, Mettur
Salem District - 636 401

33.M. Selvaraj
S/o. Marimuthu
Taluk Office Compound, Mettur
Salem District - 636 401

34.K. Palanisamy
S/o. Kannupaiyan
Taluk Office Compound, Mettur
Salem District- 636 401

35.Saroja
W/o. Duraisamy,
Taluk Office Compound, Mettur
Salem District - 636 401

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to



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28 to remove the illegal encroachments made by the respondents 29 to 35 herein in Ward A, Block 43, Urban Survey No.6/1, measuring 0.54510.0 hectares, classified as Taluk Office premises in Mettur Taluk, Salem District and consequentially direct the concerned respondents to conduct jamapandhi meeting all over the Salem District to prevent the encroachment on the public lands by considering petitioner representations dated 29.11.2024 and 19.03.2026 and 9th and 11th respondents communications.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Marudhachalamurthy

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Habeeb Rahman
Government Advocate
for R19 to R22, R24

No appearance
for R26

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard.

2. This writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the official respondents to remove the illegal encroachments made by respondent Nos.29 to 35 in Ward A, Block 43, Urban Survey



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No.6/1, measuring 0.54510.0 hectares, classified as Taluk Office premises in Mettur Taluk, Salem District.

3. Today when the matter is taken up for hearing, learned State counsel, on instructions, submitted that the Tahsildar, Mettur, has already conducted a survey and found seven encroachments in Survey No.6/1. He would submit that notices under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905 were issued to the encroachers and, after following due process, they will remove the encroachments, as expeditiously as possible.

4. Taking note of the fact that notices under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905 were issued to the encroachers and the statement that further action in accordance with law will be taken as early as possible, we dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the Tahsildar, Mettur (respondent No.22) to remove the encroachments, after following due process of law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)

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Index : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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