



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

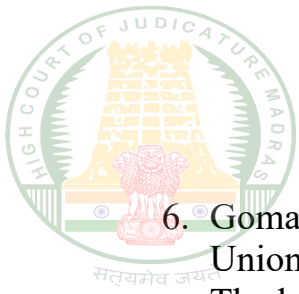
WP No. 18515 of 2026

M.Raja @ Aasirvatham
S/o Munusamy,
No.47, Kamarajar Nagar,
Thaduthatkondur Post,
Thiruvannainallur Circle,
Villupuram District - 607 2023.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State rep by
The District Collector,
O/o the District Collectorate,
Villupuram District.
2. The Executive Engineer
Water Resources Department,
Pennaiyar Basin Division,
Villupuram District.
3. The Assistant Director
Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department,
Villupuram District.
4. The Tahsildar
O/o Tahsildar Office,
Thiruvannainallur Taluk,
Villupuram District
5. Balasubramanian
Block Development Officer,
O/o Block Development Officer,
Thiruvannainallur Taluk,
Villupuram District



6. Gomathi Nirmalraj
Union Councillor
Thaduthatkondur Post,
Thiruvannainallur Taluk,
Villupuram District - 607 203.

7. Pachaiyappan
Ex-Panchayat President,
Thaduthakondur Post,
Thiruvannainallur Taluk,
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..Respondent(s)

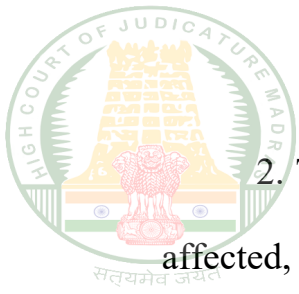
PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to take action in the light of the communication dated 21.05.2025 bearing proceedings No.(Oo.Mu) Ji2/E3284275/2025 issued by the 1st respondent to the respondents 2 and 3 which was issued based on the petitioner representation dated 02.05.2025.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Thirumoorthy

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.Elayarajkumar, Govt. Counsel for
R1 to R4

Order

This Writ Petition has been filed to direct the respondents to take action in the light of the communication dated 21.05.2025 bearing proceedings No. (Oo.Mu) Ji2/E3284275/2025 issued by the 1st respondent.



2. This Court posted a question as to how the interest of the petitioner is affected, to which, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that though personally his private interest may not be affected, as a citizen, he would think that the illegal fishing rights in lake and illegal sand mining activities needs to be curbed in a larger public interest. He would also submit that in response to his representation, the first respondent has in fact responded *vide* proceedings dated 21.05.2025. He would also submit that after having acted upon his representation, the first respondent does not proceed further taking the matter to its logical end.

3. This Court finds that this petition is more than in the nature of public interest litigation and therefore, it is only appropriate that the petition is filed by way of public interest litigation.

4. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of. It is always open to the petitioner to file a public interest litigation against the illegal activity adversely affecting public interest. No costs.

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

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