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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.RAJESH VIVEKANANTHAN

WP No. 43945 of 2026
CNR:{HCMA010884132026}
AND
WMP NO. 49314 OF 2026

M.Balaji
S/o.Mohan Lal,
No.351, Vaisiyal Street, Coimbatore – 641001.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government
   Government of Tamilnadu, Housing and Urban Development, Fort St.George,
   Chennai – 600009.

2. The Deputy Director,
   Town and Country Planning, Office of the Directorate of Town and Country Planning,
   Chennai - 600028.

3. The Commissioner of Corporation,
   Coimbatore Corporation, Coimbatore - 641001.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer : Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the 1st respondent to dispose the petitioners appeal filed under section 80(A) of the town and country planning act dated 08.04.2026 against the order passed by the 2nd

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respondent in his proceedings No. Na.Ka.No.DMA/1405/2025/TP2 dated 26.12.2025 confirming the lock and seal notice issued by the 3rd respondent in his proceedings No.UAC No.43/2024/H-1(m) dated 21.06.2025 within a time limit.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Venkatesh
For Respondent(s): K.Surender
Special Government Pleader For R 1,2
Mr.N.Umapathy Sc For R -3

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

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the 1st respondent to dispose the petitioners appeal filed under section 80(A) of the town and country planning act dated 08.04.2026 against the order passed by the 2nd respondent in his proceedings No. Na.Ka.No.DMA/1405/2025/TP2 dated 26.12.2025 confirming the lock and seal notice issued by the 3rd respondent in his proceedings No.UAC No.43/2024/H-1(m) dated 21.06.2025 within a time limit.

2. Issuing a direction to dispose of the appeal within a timeline by the authority may cause prejudice to the interest of other persons, who have filed appeals and waiting for disposal of their respective appeal. There may be several appeals which may be pending and all those appeals are to be considered in the order of seniority and priority may be given only in

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exceptional cases. However, the appellate authority is expected to dispose of the appeal within a reasonable time without any undue delay. Courts issuing a direction fixing timeline is unnecessary since the disposal of other appeals will get delayed. That being the factum, the first respondent is directed to dispose of the appeal in the order of seniority as expeditiously as possible.

3. With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (R.R.V.,J.)
30-10-2026

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

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