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W.P.No.16686 of 2024

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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and W.M.P.No.18324 of 2024

Pattabiraman. V,
S/o.V.Venupillai,
No.39, West Mada Street,
Nandambakkam Kudiyurru S.O,
Kancheepuram District-600 089.

Petitioner

Vs

1.The Secretary to Government of
Tamil Nadu,
Public Works Department,
Govt. Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu - 600009.

2.The Additional Chief Secretary to
Govt. of Tamil Nadu,
Water Resources Department,
Govt. Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai, Tamil Nau - 600009.



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- 3.The District Collector of
Chengalpattu District,
Collectorate, GST Road,
Chengalpattu -603 001.
- 4.The Chief Engineer to Govt of
Tamil Nadu,
Water Resources Department,
Chepauk, Chennai -600 005.
- 5.The Commissioner,
Tambaram Municipal Corporation,
No. 28, Muthuranga Mudali Street,
Tambaram West,
Chennai -600 045.

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to demolish the construction put up by the 5th respondent and remove the encroachment made in the Putheri Lake and to restore Putheri Lake in its natural and pristine state.

For Petitioner: Ms.Y.Kavitha
for M/s.PVS Giridhar
Associates Law Chambers

For Respondents: Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
for R1 to R4

Mr. P.Srinivas
Standing Counsel
for R5



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made *Arul Murugan, J.*)

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Heard.

2. This writ petition, styled as public interest litigation, has been filed by the petitioner for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the official respondents to demolish the construction put up by the 5th respondent in Putheri lake and to restore the Putheri lake to its natural and pristine state.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that there has been encroachment on the lake, particularly, respondent No.5 has constructed a primary health centre in the lake, which is impermissible.

4. Responding to the allegations made in the writ petition, the respondents have filed counter-affidavit stating that an inspection was conducted by the Tahsildar, Pallavaram, along with a team of officials. During inspection, it was found that respondent No.5 had, in fact, constructed the primary health centre only in Old S.No.214,



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T.S.No.54/1, which is classified as "Government Poramboke - Kalam" and there is no encroachment as alleged on the lake.

5. The petitioner has not controverted the said contention of the respondents by filing a rejoinder. Moreover, when the prayer sought in this writ petition is to remove the encroachment in the lake, but when after inspection, it has been found that there was no encroachment, the allegation that the primary health centre is constructed on the lake is factually incorrect. Under such circumstances, we see no reason to entertain this writ petition.

6. The writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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

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