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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S. SOUNTHAR

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.B. BALAJI

WP No. 18289 of 2026 and

WMP No.19630 of 2026

Arulandham, S/o.Mr.Kuppusamy
Eajamanur Village Pukkampatty Post
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Salem District, Salem.
2. The Sub Collector / The Revenue Divisional
Officer, Mettur Revenue Division
Mettur Dam-1, Salem District.
3. The Tahsildhar, Mettur Taluk
Mettur Dam-1, Salem District.
4. The Block Development Officer
Village Panchayat
Mecheri Panchayat Union
Mecheri 636453, Mettur Taluk
Salem District.
5. Govindasami
Work Shop Colony
Salem Main Road, Mecheri 636453
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.
6. Valli
Work Shop Colony
Salem Main Road, Mecheri 636453
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.



7. Bhuvani, Work Shop Colony
Salem Main Road, Mecheri 636453
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.

8. Pazhaniappan, Work Shop Colony
Salem Main Road, Mecheri 636453
Mettur Taluk, Salem District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to the Respondents 3 and 4 to remove the encroachments made by the Respondents 5 to 8 in the common pathway/Cart track land passes in S.Nos. 102/3A and 101 situated at Pukkampatty Revenue Village, Mettur Taluk, Salem District and ensure the usage of common pathway / Car track based on the proceedings of the 2nd respondent dated 05.01.2026 in Mu.Mu.2983-2025.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. M.R.Jothimanian

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, Govt. Advocate
for R1 to R4.

ORDER

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

By consent of both parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. This Writ petition has been filed to consider the representation of the petitioner seeking direction to the 3rd and 4th respondents to remove the encroachments made by the respondents 5 to 8 in a common pathway/cart track



in S.Nos.102/3A and 101 situated in Pukkampatty Revenue Village, Mettur Taluk, Salem District.

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3. It is the case of the petitioner that the properties situated in S.No.102/3A and 101 are the pathway leading to the burial ground and the said pathway has been encroached by the private respondents. In this regard, the petitioner relies on a civil decree dated 16.11.2018 passed in O.S.No.108 of 2011 on the file of District Munsif, Mettur. The petitioner further stated that the 2nd respondent in his proceedings in Mu.Mu.2983/2025-Oo, dated 05.01.2026, directed the Tahsildar, Mettur to remove the encroachment if any, in the light of the above said civil decree. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 27.04.2026 to the 3rd and 4th respondent seeking removal of the encroachments made by the private respondents, by implementing the proceedings of the 2nd respondent, however, the same has not been considered. Hence, the petitioner has come before this court by filing the present writ petition.

4. Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, learned Government Advocate, who takes notice for the respondents 1 to 4, on instructions, submitted that the representation of the petitioner will be considered and orders will be passed in accordance with law.



5. In view of the submission made by the learned Government Advocate, without expressing any opinion on merits of the matter, the third respondent is directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 27.04.2026 and pass final orders on its own merits, after issuing notice to the private respondents 5 to 8, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of copy of the order.

6. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(S.S.,J.) (P.B.B.,J.)
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