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W.P.No.18858 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 02.02.2026**

C O R A M

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM**  
**AND**

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

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**and**

**W.M.P.No.21118 of 2025**

- 1.Jayanthi
- 2.Chellaponnu
- 3.Valarmathi
- 4.Mangaiyarkarasi
- 5.Krishnaveni
- 6.Gomathi
- 7.Rajakumari
- 8.Gayathri
- 9.Meenakshi
- 10.Amudha
- 11.Parvathi
- 12.Prema
- 13.Ananthi
- 14.Chitarasi
- 15.Krishnammal
- 16.Shanthi
- 17.Kalyani
- 18.Thavamani



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- 19.Mallika
- 20.Thaiyalnayaki
- 21.Shanthi
- 22.Shanthi
- 23.Thamayandi
- 24.Manikandan
- 25.Thenaruvi
- 26.Vasantha
- 27.Usha
- 28.Suganya
- 29.Murugesan
- 30.Valli
- 31.Premavathi
- 32.Gomathi
- 33.Ramachandran

... Petitioners

-vs-

- 1.The District Collector,  
Cuddalore District, Cuddalore.
- 2.The Sub-Collector,  
Chidambaram, Cuddalore District.
- 3.The Tahsildar,  
Chidambaram Taluk, Chidambaram,  
Cuddalore District.
- 4.Balakrishnan

... Respondents



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**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the entire records relating to the impugned order passed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent in his proceedings Na.Ka.No.A4/574/2024, dated 15.05.2025 and quash the same.

For Petitioners : Mr.C.Prakasam

For Respondents : Mr.T.Arun Kumar,  
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1 to R3

Mr.D.Murthy for R4

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### **ORDER**

*(Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM,J.,)*

The Writ Petition has been instituted challenging the order dated 15.05.2025 passed by the Sub-Collector, Chidambaram.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the subject property is not a water body.

3. Per contra, the learned Additional Government Pleader and the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent would oppose by stating that it is a water body and classified as "Pond/Kulam".



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4. The said disputed facts are to be ascertained based on the revenue records and documents available. The Sub-Collector formed an opinion in the impugned order that it is a water body. However, appeal would lie before the District Collector. Instead of preferring an appeal, the petitioners have chosen to file the present Writ Petition.

5. The disputed facts regarding classification are to be adjudicated based on the revenue records and documents, if any, produced between the parties. Granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the District Collector, this Writ Petition stands **dismissed**. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(S.M.S,J.) (C.K,J.)  
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