



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-05-2026

CORAM

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G. R. SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 20284 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 21742 OF 2026, WMP NO. 21744 OF 2026

1. C.Chinnathambi
S/o.Chinnu,
740, T.K. Kottay,
Panaimadal Post,
Attur Taluk,
Panaimadal,
Salem District - 636 117.
2. R. Murugesan,
S/o. Raji,
No.3/387, Kamarajar Colony,
Attur Taluk,
Panaimadal,
Salem District - 636 117.
3. B.Arulmani
S/o. Balusamy,
No.648, Kamarajar Colony,
Attur Taluk,
Panaimadal,
Salem District - 636 117.

..Petitioners

Vs

1. The District Collector
Salem District.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Eathappur,
Salem District.
3. The Tahsildar,



Pethanayakkanpalayam Taluk,
Salem District.

4. The Block Development Officer,
Villag Panchayat,
Pethanayakkanpalayam Taluk,
Salem District.

5. The Village Administrative Officer,
Panaimadal Village,
Pethanayakkanpalayam Taluk,
Salem District.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution praying Direct the 1st to pass orders on the representation dated 12.05.2026 by directing the 4th respondent to stop further proceedings as per the notice dated 11.05.2026 issued under section 131 and 134 of Tamil Nadu Panchayat Act, 1994 without deciding the appeal dated 07.05.2026

For Petitioner(s): Mr. T.Velu

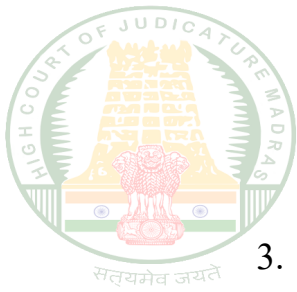
For Respondents: Mr. L.S.M. Hasan Fizal
Additional Government Pleader

Order

(Order of the Court was made by G.R.Swaminathan J.)

Heard both sides.

2. The 4th respondent had issued notice on 11.05.2026 under Section 131 and 134 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994. The petitioners have given an objection before the 1st respondent and want the same to be considered.



3. The petitioners need not have any apprehension. While the Block Development Officer is having power to call upon the petitioners to remove the encroachment, he cannot coercively enforce his own demand. It is open to the petitioners either to comply with the demand or to decline. If the petitioners fail to comply with the demand, the only course of action open to the 4th respondent is to seek reference to the 3rd respondent. As and when the 3rd respondent takes action under Land encroachment Act, the petitioners can file their objections. The 4th respondent cannot coercively enforce his order.

4. With the aforesaid clarification, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(G.R.S.,J.) (V.L.N.,J.)
21-05-2026

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

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