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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 11-03-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN**

**and**

**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SHAMIM AHMED**

**WP Nos. 27986 of 2021, 21658, 6740 & 21995 of 2022 and 18708 of 2024,**

**and**

**WMP Nos.29552 & 29553 of 2021, 20670, 6822, 21021 & 21022 of 2022,  
and 20523, 20520 & 20519 of 2024**

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Petroleum Corporation Limited Land Acquisition  
Land Owners and Farmers Rehabilitation Welfare  
Sangam Rep by its secretary  
A. Sakthivel A/o. Arunachalam Having office at  
No. 74 Pannangudi Thirumarugal Block  
Nagapattinam District 611 002

..Petitioner

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Represented by its Secretary  
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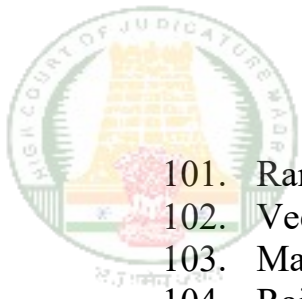
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**WP No. 27986 of 2021**

Petroleum Corporation Ltd  
Land Acquisition, Land Owners and Farmers  
Rehabilitation Welfare Sangam Rep by its  
Secretary Mr. A. Sakthivel, S/o. Arunachalam,



No. 54, Panangudi Thirumarugal Block,  
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Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu-611 001 The State of  
Tamil Nadu

9. Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited,  
Represented by its Company Secretary,  
No.536, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600018.

(R9 impleaded vide order dated 06.04.2022  
made in WMP.No.6581/2022 in  
WP.No.27986/2021 by MDIJ)

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**WP No. 6740 of 2022**

Petroleum Corporation Limited Land Acquisition,  
Land Owners and Farmers, Rehabilitation Welfare  
Sangam Panankudi, Rep by its Secretary  
Mr.A. Sakthivel, S/o.Arunachalam, Having Office  
at No.54, Panangudi Thirumarugal block,  
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**WP No. 21995 of 2022**

Petroleum Corporation Limited Land Acquisition,  
Land Owners and Farmers Rehabilitation Welfare  
Sangam Rep. by its Secretary A.Sakthivel,  
S/o.Arunachalam, having office at No.54,  
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**WP.No.21658 of 2022**

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing respondents herein from registering any document with respect of land acquisition proceedings (CPCL Land acquisition) initiated by the respondents 2 to 8 herein till the disposal of writ petitions pending before this Honble Court in W.P. No. 27986 of 2021 W.P.No. 6740 of 2022, W.P. No. 19351 of 2022 and W.P. No.19445 of 2022.

**WP No. 18708 of 2024**

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certioari, call for the records of the Award Nos. 01 /2023 (Panangudi Algu 1, Panangudi Alagu 2, Goburajapuram ) 02/2023 Narimanam in Na.Ka.No 7807 / 2020 / LA / CPCL / Alagu 4, dated 30.04.2023 passed by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent herein with regard to CPCL Land Acquisition proceedings and quash the same.

**WP No. 27986 of 2021**

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents and related agencies appoint Three Member Committee head of retired High Court Judge along with Experts in land and agriculture and determined the Market price - market value - open market value employment for suitable persons in the premises and ensure the development of the affected local area (like road, schools, colleges, religious places, historical monuments and pollution etc., and submits the report before this Honourable Court.

**WP No. 6740 of 2022**

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to quash the Notice in Na.Ka. No. 7807 / 2020 CPCL (LA) -Unit-4 dated 24.01.2022 issued by the 4<sup>th</sup> respondent under section 7 (2) of Tamil Nadu Acquisition of Land for Industrial Purpose Act 1997 and further direct the respondents herein to fix the open market value before conducting enquiry under Section 7 (2).

**WP No. 21995 of 2022**

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certioari, to call for the records and to quash the G.O. (D) No.72 Industries Investment Promotion and Commerce (MIA-1) Department dated 3.8.2022 issued by the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent herein with regard to CPCL Land Acquisition proceedings.

**In all Cases**

For Petitioners:

Mr.V.N.Subramaniam

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For Respondents:

Mr. Yogesh Kannadasan  
Additional Government Pleader**COMMON ORDER****(Order of the Court was made by Dr.G.Jayachandran J.)**

These Writ Petitions have been filed by a registered association claiming to be an association to represent the welfare of the landowners and farmers whose land were acquired by Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited for the establishment of a crude oil refinery in Nagapattinam, under the Tamil Nadu Acquisition of Land for Industrial Purposes Act, 1997.

2. A vast extent of land was acquired and it appears that most of the landowners entered into private negotiations with the acquiring authority and settled the issue. However, under the guise of an association, the present writ petitions have been filed seeking adequate compensation by following the prescribed procedure to fix the market value and arrive at a fair compensation.

3. Apparently the acquisition is not being challenged. Further, the demand for adequate and fair compensation was not made by the individual landowners, but by the association, which claims its members are the affected landowners.



4. The counter-affidavit filed by the respondents clearly show that the land was acquired for a public purpose following the due process of law and that the landowners have been adequately compensated. If at all any individual is aggrieved by the inadequacy of the compensation, they have a remedy under Section 8 of the Tamil Nadu Acquisition of Land for Industrial Purposes Act, 1997, to seek a reference to the Court.

5. Since disputed questions of fact are involved, these writ petitions are not maintainable. The prayer in these writ petitions clearly show that the intention of the association is to stall the acquisition process by seeking a mandamus to prevent registration of any documents with respect to the land acquired till the disposal of the writ petition. The association submitted a representation to the Sub-Registrar making a similar request soon after filing these writ petitions.

6. We find no bona fides in these writ petitions. Furthermore, the association has no *locus standi* to file these petitions, when the matter relates to the personal rights of individuals who are entitled to agitate their cause independently under Section 7 of the Act.

7. For these reasons, we find no merit in these writ petitions. Accordingly, these Writ Petitions stand dismissed. Consequently, the connected



Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. No costs. The dismissal of these writ petitions will not stand in the way of individual landowners from seeking for appropriate remedies under the relevant provisions of law.

**(G.J.,J.) (S.S.A.,J.)**  
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Index: Yes/No  
Speaking/Non-speaking order  
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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