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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.RAJESH VIVEKANANTHAN

WP No. 33749 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA011401282026}

P.Renu ..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District collector
   collectorate,
   collector office Road
   Villupuram District

2. The Revenue Divisional office
   Revenue Divisional office
   Tindivanam

3. The Tahsildar
   Taluk office,
   Melmalayanur
   Villupuram District

4. Block Development officer
   Melmalayanur
   Villupuram District

5. Sampath

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India issuing writ of mandamus directing the 3rd respondent to remove the encroachment in water body comprised in Survey No.205/1, 205/1A, 205/B, 205/1C, thoppu village, Melmalaiyanur Taluk, Villupuram District.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Karthikeyan

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Rishab Narayan
Government Advocate For R 1-4
Not Ready In Notice For R-5

ORDER

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

Writ of mandamus has been instituted directing the 3rd respondent to remove the encroachment in water body comprised in Survey No.205/1, 205/1A, 205/B, 205/1C, Thoppu village, Melmalaiyanur Taluk, Villupuram District.

2. Learned Government Advocate would submit that encroachments in the water body classified as “Eri” (lake) was already removed and once again few encroachers have encroached upon the land.

3. In respect of repeated offenders encroaching upon the public land, water body etc., they are to be prosecuted under the manner known to law by registering complaint by the competent authorities. Once encroachments are removed from the water body, competent authorities are duty bound to protect the same and preserve the water

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body. Habitual offenders are to be prosecuted in the manner known to law.

4. In the present case, learned Government Advocate would submit that enforcement actions have been initiated to remove the encroachment from the water body. Thus, official respondents are directed to continue the enforcement action and remove the encroachers from the water body by following the procedure as contemplated under the relevant statutes and rules in force. The said exercise shall be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above directions, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (R.R.V.,J.)
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