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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,  
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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V.B.R.Menon  
Flat No. 4B, Brook Dale Apartments  
No.12, P.T.Rajan Salai, K.K.Nagar  
Chennai 600 078.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Housing and Urban Development Department  
Fort St. George, Secretariat  
Chennai 600 009.
2. The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Municipal Administration and Water  
Supply Department  
Fort St. George, Secretariat  
Chennai 600 009.
3. The Member Secretary,  
The Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority  
CMDA Building, Gandhi Irwin Road  
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.



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4. The Director  
Directorate of Town and Country Planning  
Chengalavarayan Building, 4th Floor  
No. 807, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.
5. The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Revenue Department, Fort St. George  
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
6. The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Tamilnadu  
Agricultural Department, Fort St. George  
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7. The Principal Secretary to  
Government of Tamil Nadu  
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department  
Fort St. George, Secretariat  
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Respondent(s)

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Declaration to declare that the change of land use from Agriculture to non-Agriculture purposes in Non-Planned areas as per G.O.(Ms)No.79 dated 04.05.2017 by the Housing and Urban Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu, without (i) obtaining the prior consents from Agricultural Department, the Grama Sabhas and District Planning Committees and (ii) making equal extents of non-Agriculture lands available for cultivation shall be impermissible and void.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.B.R.Menon  
Party-in-Person

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath  
Government Advocate  
for R1, R2, R4 to R7

Mrs.P.Veena  
Suresh Standing Counsel for R3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by  
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Petitioner, appearing in person, submits that by efflux of time,  
petition is rendered infructuous.

2. Petition is disposed of as having rendered infructuous.  
There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)  
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