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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 44598 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012182912026}

Case QR

P.Sugumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
   Office of the Collectorate, Tiruvannamalai
   District - 604406.
2. The Commissioner of Land Administration,
   Ezhilagam, chepauk, chennai - 600005.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
   Arani, Tiruvannamalai District - 632301.

4. The Tahsildar,
   Arani Taluk Office,
   Tiruvannamalai District - 632301.

5. The Block Development Officer,
   Arani East Panchayat Office, Tiruvannamalai
   District - 632301.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the 1st respondent to consider my representation dated 20.07.2026 and correct the patta no.2100 in our name in survey no.536/5 and 6 of mullandiram, krishnapuram, village, arani, tiruvannamalai District whithin a stipulated period.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.K.Bhoopathy Rajan
For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Maheshnath Government Advocate for R1 to R4
Mr.K.Kumaran Additional Government Pleader for R5

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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the official respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.07.2026 to rectify the erroneous patta entry made in respect of the property and irrigation well situated in Survey Nos. 536/5 and 536/6 at Mullandiram, Krishnavaram Village, Arani Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District, by correcting Patta No. 2100 and restoring the revenue records in accordance with Patta No. 1125 within a specified time frame.

2. According to the petitioner, the property comprised in Survey Nos. 536/5 and 536/6, measuring about 4 Cents alongside a large irrigation well at Mullandiram, Krishnavaram Village, was originally owned by his grandfather Late Varada Pillai and subsequently enjoyed by his late father Ponna Pillai, who had an agricultural electricity service connection bearing S.C. No. 79 obtained on 22.01.1993. The petitioner states that his father settled the said property in his favour by way of a registered Settlement Deed dated 18.04.2005 (Doc. No. 1699/2005), based on which his property patta stands mutated under Patta No. 1125. The grievance of the petitioner is that the revenue authorities, without any notice or enquiry, erroneously transferred the patta for the said land and well in Patta No. 2100, which has led to obstruction in utilising the well water for his agricultural livelihood. To correct this entry, the petitioner preferred a detailed

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representation dated 20.07.2026 to the respondents. Since no action has been initiated thereon, the petitioner has preferred the present Writ Petition.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos. 1 to 4 submits that the representation submitted by the petitioner will be considered and disposed of by the official respondents on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, this Court is of the view that any application submitted to a statutory authority needs proper consideration and cannot be kept pending indefinitely without any valid justification. Public authorities are bound to look into such requests and dispose of them in accordance with law within a reasonable timeframe.

6. In view of the limited scope of the prayer sought for and the submissions made by both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a

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direction to the official respondents concerned, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 20.07.2026 to rectify the patta entry in respect of the property and irrigation well situated in Survey Nos. 536/5 and 536/6, Mullandiram, Krishnavaram Village, Arani Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District. The authorities shall, after conducting a thorough field verification, perusing the registered Settlement Deed, electricity connection records, and after affording a fair hearing to the petitioner, any rival claimants, and adjacent landowners who may be affected, pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the parties.

8. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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