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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 43316 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012213722026}

AND

WMP NO. 48628 OF 2026

1. Velu
2. Selvaganabathi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Tahsildar,
   Tahsildar Office,
   Andimadam Taluk,
   Ariyalur District.
2. The FirkaSurveyor,
   Tahsildar Office,
   Andimadam Taluk,
   Ariyalur District.
3. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
   Jayankondam Sub-Division,
   Ariyalur District.
4. The Inspector of Police,
   Andimadam Police Station,
   Ariyalur District.
5. Neethi dhasan

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the Respondents 1 to 4 to consider the petitioner's representations dated 18.08.2026 and consequently conduct field measurement, survey and demarcation of the petitioner's land comprised in Survey No.137/12C, measuring 0.7.00 Ares, covered under Patta No.3067, situated at Siluvaichery Village (Andimadam Taluk, Ariyalur District, pursuant to Field Measurement Application No.2025/0123/17/0096976 dated 24.10.2025, and

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further direct the 3rd and 4th Respondents to provide adequate police protection for the smooth conduct of such survey and demarcation in the event of obstruction from any third party, within a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Magendiravarman
For Respondent(s): Mr.Aarasu Sanga Tamil Government Advocate for R1 to R4
Mr.Durai Gunasekaran Government Counsel (Crl.Side) for R3 and R4

ORDER

The Writ Petition filed by the petitioners seeking direction to the respondents 1 to 4 to consider the petitioners' representation dated 18.08.2026, to conduct a field measurement, survey, and demarcation of their land comprised in Survey No. 137/12C, measuring 0.7.00 Ares under Patta No. 3067 at Siluvaichery Village, Andimadam Taluk, Ariyalur District, pursuant to an application dated 24.10.2025, and to provide adequate police protection for the same.

2. The petitioners claim ownership and possession of the subject property through a registered Settlement Deed dated 20.07.2022 executed by their family members, following which a joint patta was issued in their names; however, when the first petitioner submitted an online field measurement application (No. 2025/0123/006976) on 24.10.2025 and paid the prescribed fee, the revenue officials were obstructed from completing the survey during their visits on 22.11.2025 and 26.11.2025 by the adjacent northern landowner (the fifth

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respondent), leading the first respondent to issue a Memo dated 07.01.2026 advising the petitioners to approach the competent Court, which constrained the petitioners to submit a detailed representation dated 18.08.2026 seeking a survey with police protection, which is kept pending without any consideration.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the revenue authorities cannot indefinitely defer their statutory duties merely due to third-party obstruction.

4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for respondents 1 to 4 submitted that the property would be surveyed in accordance with the revenue records, and police assistance would be sought if required, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

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

5. Considering the limited scope of the relief, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the rival claims, is of the view that private obstruction cannot be a ground for the revenue authorities to abdicate their statutory duties. At the same time, any survey and demarcation must be undertaken only after serving due notice to all interested parties.

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6. In the above circumstances, this Court directs respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioners' representation dated 18.08.2026 and application dated 24.10.2025, and carry out the survey, field measurement, and demarcation of the subject property strictly in accordance with the relevant revenue records and applicable statutory provisions.

7. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after issuing prior notice to the petitioners, the fifth respondent, and all other adjacent landowners or interested parties, and affording them an opportunity of a hearing.

8. If any obstruction is caused by the fifth respondent or any other person, respondents 1 and 2 are at liberty to seek police assistance from respondents 3 and 4. Upon receiving such a request, respondents 3 and 4 shall immediately provide adequate police protection to ensure that the revenue officials discharge their duties peacefully.

9. It is made clear that this order shall not be construed as an adjudication of title or ownership between the parties, and any such civil dispute is left open to be agitated before the competent Civil Court.

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10. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. W.M.P.No.48628 of 2026 is allowed subject to the payment of single Court fees.

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

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