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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. 1851 of 2024

CNR: {HCMA012253282023}

A.Suresh Kumar Reddy

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary
   Revenue And Disaster Management
   Department, Government Of Tamil Nadu,
   Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

2. The Principal Secretary To Government,
   Municipal Administration And Water Supply
   Department (MAWS) Government Of Tamil
   Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

3. The District Collector
   Collectorate, Chengalpattu District.

4. The District Revenue Officer,
   Chengalpattu District.

5. The Commissioner
   Tambaram Corporation, No.28,
   Muthurangamudali Street, Tambaram West,
   Chennai-600 045.

6. The Tahsildar,
   Tambaram Taluk Office, Tambaram.

7. Assistant Commissioner Of Police,
   Tambaram, Greater Chennai Police,
   Chennai.

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8. Revenue Inspector,
   Tambaram Firka, Tambaram Taluk,
   Chengalpattu District.

9. The Superintendent Engineer,
   Public Works Department, Chepauk,
   Chennai-600 045.

10. The Executive Engineer,
    Public Works Department,
    Kancheepuram District.

11. The Junior Engineer,
    Irrigation Section, Padappai,
    Kancheepuram District.

12. Gengai Amman Temple,
    Rep. By Managing Trustees,
    Tambaram West, Chennai-600 045.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents 1-11 to remove the encroachment made by the 12th respondent in the lake bund of Puthuthangal Lake, comprised in Old Survey No.256, New T.S.No.2, Ward D, Block 10 Tambaram West, Tambaram Taluk, Chengalpet District by constructing Gengai Amman Temple and erecting a gate by demolishing the security wall and constructed steps and consequently direct the respondents 1-11 to restore the original security wall of the lake bund of Puthuthangal Lake by considering the Notice dated 28.06.2023 in Form III under Rule 6 of the Tamil Nadu protection of Tank and Eviction of Encroachment Rule 2007.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.Sithannan

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Rishab Narayanan
Government Advocate
for R1 to R4, R6, R8 to R11

Mr.P.Srinivas, Standing Counsel, for R5

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Mr.N.Palanivel
Government Advocate (Crl.Side) for R7

R12- Not ready in notice

ORDER

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

The present writ petition has been instituted seeking removal of encroachment from the water body, namely, Puthuthangal Lake.

2.The learned Government Advocate would submit that Form 3 notice has been issued to the encroachers. Therefore, the enforcement action will be continued with the aid of the police.

3.In view of the said submission and considering the fact that encroachments are identified in the water body, the official respondents are directed to continue the enforcement actions by following procedures as contemplated under the relevant Statute and Rules in force and remove the encroachments from the water body and resume the water body and protect the same to subserve public goods within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4.With the above directions, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (R.R.V.,J.)
28-10-2026

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