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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 44166 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012289422026}

Case QR

P.Neelaveni
D/o.Late Palanisamy,
Door No.4/35, Athidravidar Street,
Krishnapuram-74
Gengavalli Taluk,
Salem District-636 105.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Salem Collectorate,
   Salem-636 001.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
   Revenue Divisional Office,
   Attur,Salem-636102.

3. The Tahsildar
   Taluk Office,
   Gengavalli Taluk,
   Salem District- 636 105.

4. Thilagam
   W/o.Late Kathirvel,
   Adi Dravidar Street,
   74, Krishnapuram Village and Post,
   Gangavalli Taluk,
   Salem District- 636 105.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of mandamus directing the Respondent No.2,

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namely the Revenue Divisional officer, Attur, Salem District, to consider and dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner on 14.03.2026, and consequently include the name of the Petitioner and those of the other legal heirs of Late Mr. Palanisamy and grant joint patta in respect of the lands comprised in Survey No.317/2 measuring an extent of 2.02 Acres and Survey No.317/4 measuring an extent of 1.27 Acres situated at North Village, Gengavalli, Gengavalli Taluk, Salem District.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.R.Samratt

For Respondent(s): Mr.Bhagavath Krishnan P.M.N
Additional Government Pleader

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This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the second respondent to consider and dispose of the statutory appeal preferred by the petitioner on 14.03.2026, and consequently include her name and the names of the other legal heirs of Late Palanisamy and grant a joint patta in respect of the lands comprised in Survey No. 317/2 measuring an extent of 2.02 acres and Survey No. 317/4 measuring an extent of 1.27 acres, situated at North Village, Gengavalli, Gengavalli Taluk, Salem District.

2. The petitioner claims that the subject properties originally belonged to her late father, Palanisamy, and his four sisters. Following the demise of her father intestate on 10.10.1988, the petitioner's brother, Late Kathirvel (husband

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of the fourth respondent), allegedly obtained a fraudulent release deed and unlawfully secured patta No. 2016 in his sole name, suppressing the rights of the petitioner and her sisters. After Kathirvel's death on 06.07.2010, the fourth respondent asserted exclusive ownership, leading to an earlier writ petition in W.P. No. 2839 of 2011 and a civil suit in O.S. No. 131 of 2012 (originally O.S. No. 80 of 2012) filed by the fourth respondent before the Principal District Munsif Court, Attur, which was dismissed on 25.10.2018. Thereafter, the petitioner submitted repeated representations including one dated 18.08.2025 seeking inclusion of the female legal heirs in patta No. 8527 and submitted an online application for patta transfer on 16.02.2026. Aggrieved by the rejection of her online application, the petitioner preferred a statutory appeal before the second respondent on 14.03.2026. Since the said appeal remains pending without any orders, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing this writ petition.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the official respondents one to three submitted that if a specific time frame is fixed by this Court, the second respondent will consider the petitioner’s appeal and pass appropriate orders on its own merits and in accordance with the law.

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

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5. Since no order prejudicial to the interest of the fourth respondent is to be passed in this writ petition, notice to the fourth respondent is dispensed with and this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

6. Considering the limited scope of the prayer sought in this writ petition, this Court directs the second respondent to consider the petitioner's statutory appeal dated 14.03.2026 and pass appropriate orders on the same within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, on its own merits and in accordance with the law, after issuing due notice and providing an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner, the fourth respondent, and all other legal heirs/interested parties.

7. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner. If there is any dispute relating to the title or *inter-se* civil rights over the property, the parties are at liberty to approach the competent Civil Court for appropriate relief.

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8. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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