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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 K. SURENDER

WP No. 42580 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012346122026}

Murugan
S/o. Pavunu Mudaliyar, Thittagudi Village,
Thittagudi Taluk, Cuddalore District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Cuddalore District
   Cuddalore

2. The Revenue Tahsildar
   Thittagudi Taluk Office
   Cuddalore District

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of mandamus directing the respondents to issue natham patta to the petitioner by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 17.08.2026 and 24.09.2026**.**

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Velmurugan
For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Sivavarthanan,
Additional Government Pleader

Order

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to issue a Natham Patta to the petitioner by considering the representations of the petitioner dated 17.08.2026 and 24.09.2026.

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2. The petitioner claims peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property by virtue of a registered sale deed dated 06.05.2013. The property trace goes back to a court public auction held on 16.10.1963, and the claim is supported by a Town Panchayat Resolution No. 53 dated 30.11.1977. Seeking the issuance of a Natham Patta under the prevailing welfare schemes, the petitioner submitted a request on 17.08.2026, followed by a representation dated 24.09.2026. Since no action has been taken by the authorities, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that if a specific time frame is fixed by this Court, the second respondent will consider the petitioner’s application 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.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited nature of the relief sought, this Court, without going into the merits of the petitioner's claim, directs the second respondent to consider the petitioner’s representations dated 17.08.2026 and 24.09.2026. The Tahsildar is directed to check the eligibility of the petitioner, specifically whether he is covered under the relevant scheme and with reference to the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and

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conditions laid down under the relevant Natham Patta regularisation scheme and pass orders within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, in accordance with law and on its own merits.

6. 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.

7. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

K.SURENDER J.

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

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