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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. 44198 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012374852026}

Case QR

Dr. Sangeetha P.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Collectorate,
   Singaravelar Maaligai,
   Rajaji Salai, Chennai 600 020
2. The Assistant Director,
   Survey and Land Records,
   Collectoarate Singaravelar Maaligai,
   Rajaji Salai, Chennai-600 001

3. The Tahsildar
   Taluk Office,
   Sholinganallur Taluk,
   Thalambur, Chennai-600 097

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the Respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioners representation dated 10.07.2026, on the file of the Third Respondent, by deputing the Taluk Surveyor to carry out a field measurement of the petitioners land comprised in Survey No.71/15 Neelangarai, Village, Sholinganallur Taluk,, Chennai District in the presence of the petitioner and by rectifying the Field Measurement Book Sketch of the said Survey number in conformity with patta No.9598 and the registered title deeds of the petitioners in accordance with law and within a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. C.A.Anburaja
For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Maheshwaran Additional Government Pleader

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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the Respondents to consider and dispose of the Petitioner's representation dated 10.07.2026 on the file of the 3rd Respondent, by deputing the Taluk Surveyor to carry out a field measurement of the Petitioner's land comprised in Survey No. 71/15, Neelangarai Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai District, in the presence of the Petitioner and by rectifying the Field Measurement Book (FMB) sketch of the said survey number in conformity with Patta No. 9598 and the registered title deeds within a specified time frame.

2. According to the petitioner, she is the absolute owner of a vacant land measuring an extent of 4,112 sq.ft. (9.43 cents) situated at 4th Cross Street, Kazura Garden, Neelangarai Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai District, covered under Patta No. 9598. The property originally belonged to her father, who purchased it via a registered Sale Deed dated 26.12.2011 (Doc. No. 9329 of 2011), and subsequently settled it absolutely in favour of the petitioner through a registered Deed of Settlement dated 18.06.2026 (Doc. No. 5754 of 2026). The grievance of the petitioner is that while Patta No. 9598 correctly records the land extent as 3.50 Ares, the corresponding FMB sketch erroneously records the extent as only 2.58 Ares. This clerical short-fall of 0.92 Ares (approx. 990 sq.ft.) creates administrative clouds on her title and prevents

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structural approvals. To rectify this mapping error, the petitioner preferred a detailed representation on 10.07.2026 under reference L.Dis. No. 2872/2026, but as no action has been taken by the authorities, she has approached this Court.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents 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 time frame.

6. In view of the limited scope of the prayer sought for and the

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submissions made by both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the official respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 10.07.2026 registered under L.Dis. No. 2872/2026 to rectify the clerical data discrepancy in the FMB sketch relating to Survey No. 71/15 situated at Neelangarai Village, Sholinganallur Taluk, Chennai District. The official respondents shall direct a field survey and actual ground measurements of the property in the presence of the petitioner, and after checking parental registered deeds, existing Patta No. 9598, and affording a fair hearing to the petitioner and any adjoining landowners or interested parties who may be affected, pass final orders on merits to bring the FMB sketch into alignment with the title records within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the parties.

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

K.SURENDER J.
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