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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

Case QR

WP No. 44278 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012395232026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Cuddalore District,
   Cuddalore.
2. The Revenue Tahsildar
   Thittagudi Taluk office,Cuddalore District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to directthe Respondents to issue natham patta to the petitioner by considering the represetnation of the petitioners dated 17.08.2025 and 26.09.2026 in accordance with law**.**

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Velmurugan

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Maheshwaran Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the Respondents to consider the petitioner's representations dated 17.08.2025 and 26.09.2026, seeking issuance of Natham Patta in respect of the house site property bearing Old Natham Survey No. 64/2B1, measuring an extent of 400 Sq.feet situated at Thittagudi Village, Thittagudi Taluk, Cuddalore District within a specified time frame.

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2. According to the petitioner, she and her family members have been in peaceful possession, occupation, and absolute enjoyment of the residential property comprised in Old Natham Survey No. 64/2B1 for more than five generations. Her ancestors put up an RCC concrete residential house on the land, and the petitioner has been paying property tax regularly to the Thittagudi Town Panchayat, besides possessing a domestic electricity service connection. The petitioner submits that Grama Natham land does not vest with the Government and her long-standing possession has been duly recognized by the local body. In terms of G.O.(Ms) No. 480 dated 11.09.2020 and G.O.Ms.No. 318 dated 30.08.2019, she preferred requests to the 2nd respondent on 17.08.2025 and 26.09.2026 for the issuance of a regular Natham patta. Since the representations have not yielded any action from the revenue authorities, the petitioner has approached this Court.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 submits that as per the current revenue classification records, the site for which the patta is sought is a road. However, since a formal representation has been submitted by the petitioner, the same will be considered by the official respondents and disposed of on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

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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 submissions made by both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's representations dated 17.08.2025 and 26.09.2026 for the issuance of Natham patta in respect of the property comprised in Old Natham Survey No. 64/2B1 situated at Thittagudi Village, Thittagudi Taluk, Cuddalore District. The 2nd respondent shall, after conducting a detailed field inspection to ascertain whether the subject site forms part of a public pathway/road or constitutes a settled residential holding, and after providing a fair hearing to the petitioner, the local body authorities, and any other interested or affected parties, pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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7. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the parties.

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

K.SURENDER J.
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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