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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 42989 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012414422026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   chengalpattu District Collectorate, GST Road,
   chengalpattu - 603001.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
   vandalur taluk, chengalpet District - 600048.

3. The Tahsildar,
   vandalur taluk, chengalpet District - 603048.

4. The Revenue Inspector,
   vandalur taluk, chengalpet District - 600048.

5. The Village Administrative Officer,
   keerapakkam village, chengalpet District -
   600127.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to dispose of the representation dated 01.09.2026 given by the petitioner within a time frame**.**

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Sreedhar

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Sankar Special Government Pleader

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This Writ Petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 01.09.2026, seeking appropriate action with regard to the pathway and access to his land, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. The petitioner claims to be the owner of the land measuring 1.09 acres comprised in Survey No.96/1C, situated at No.25, Murungalam Village, within the jurisdiction of Kattankolathur Panchayat Union and Keerappakkam Panchayat Union, Vandalur Taluk, Chengalpattu District. The petitioner states that the said property was originally in the possession and enjoyment of his ancestors and that the same was subsequently acquired by his husband, G.C. Selvam, under a registered settlement deed dated 13.04.2021, vide Settlement Deed No.17340 of 2021, and Patta No.2951 was also issued in his favour.

3. The petitioner submits that he and his neighbouring landowners have been using the adjacent Malai Poramboke land as a common pathway for several decades to access their respective lands. However, certain unknown persons have allegedly encroached upon the said Malai Poramboke land, pursuant to which the government authorities have obstructed the use of the pathway, thereby causing hardship to the petitioner and his neighbours.

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4. The petitioner further submits that despite several requests made to the respondents to provide lawful access to his land, no effective action has been taken. Hence, he submitted a representation dated 01.09.2026 to the respondents seeking verification of the revenue records, survey maps and the actual position on the ground, and for appropriate action to ensure lawful access to his property.

5. Heard both sides and perused the records.

6. Considering the nature of the grievance expressed by the petitioner, this Court is of the view that the representation of the petitioner requires consideration by the competent authority, after undertaking necessary verification of the relevant revenue records, survey maps and the actual physical features of the land in question.

7. It is needless to state that there cannot be any stoppage of ingress and egress or obstruction to the petitioner in accessing his land, subject to the determination of the lawful pathway by the competent authority. The respondents shall ensure that the petitioner is not deprived of convenient access to his property pending consideration of his representation, in accordance with law.

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8. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 01.09.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after conducting necessary enquiry and affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other affected parties, if any, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

9. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's claim regarding the ownership of the land or the existence of a lawful pathway, and the same shall be determined by the competent authority independently, based on the relevant records and applicable law.

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

K.SURENDER J.
29-10-2026

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