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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. 43257 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012469862026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Collectorate, Villupuram,
   Villupuram District.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
   Revenue Divisional Office, Tindivanam,
   Villupuram District.

3. The Tahsildar
   Taluk Office, Tindivanam,
   Villupuram Taluk.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the Respondents 1 to 3 to consider the Petitioners representation dated 30.09.2026 for reclassification of the land in New Survey No.29/1 (Old Survey No.53) of Anganikuppam Village, Tindivanam Taluk, Villupuram District from Cartway to Punjai Tharisu and for grant of patta in favour of the Petitioner, within a time frame to be fixed by this Honourable Court, and pending such consideration, to direct the Respondents not to disturb the Petitioners peaceful possession without authority of law.

For Petitioner(s): Ms.D.Sruthi

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 the petitioner's representation dated 30.09.2026, seeking reclassification of the land comprised in New Survey No.29/1 (Old Survey No.53) of Anganikuppam Village, Tindivanam Taluk, Villupuram District, from "Cartway" to "Punjai Tharisu" and for grant of patta in her favour, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. The petitioner submits that she has been residing along with her family in a dwelling house situated in Natham Survey No.32/1A2 (Old Survey No.32/1) of Anganikuppam Village for more than 60 years. It is her further submission that her physically challenged daughter has been residing in a thatched hut constructed adjacent to their dwelling house for more than 25 years.

3. The petitioner further submits that the land comprised in Old Survey No.53, corresponding to New Survey No.29/1, has been classified as a Cartway in the revenue records. However, according to the petitioner, the said land has lost its character as a public pathway and has been continuously used by her family as agricultural land, namely, Punjai Tharisu. It is also stated that the said

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Cartway is approximately 80 feet in width and leads only to the petitioner's house and agricultural lands.

4. The petitioner states that she has been in continuous and uninterrupted possession and enjoyment of the said land for more than 60 years and that no objection has been raised by any person or authority. In this regard, she submitted a representation dated 30.09.2026 to the respondents, requesting reclassification of the land from Cartway to Punjai Tharisu and issuance of patta in her favour. The petitioner further submits that despite the submission of the aforesaid representation, no action has been taken by the respondents. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.

6. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents and perused the records.

7. Considering the limited nature of the relief sought for in the present Writ Petition, this Court is of the view that the petitioner's representation dated 30.09.2026 requires consideration by the competent authority, in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other interested parties, if any.

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8. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 30.09.2026, seeking reclassification of the land comprised in New Survey No.29/1 (Old Survey No.53) of Anganikuppam Village, Tindivanam Taluk, Villupuram District, from "Cartway" to "Punjai Tharisu" and for grant of patta in her favour, on merits and in accordance with law, after conducting a proper enquiry and affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and other interested parties, if any, and pass appropriate orders 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 for reclassification or grant of patta. The competent authority shall independently consider the same in accordance with law.

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

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