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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

WP No. 13963 of 2026

and W.M.P.No.15219 of 2026

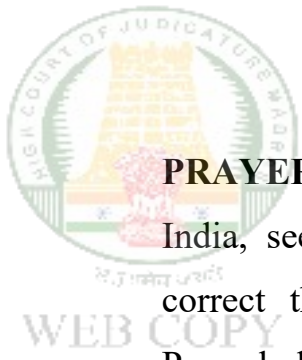
1. Lakshmi Venkatesh
2. Lalitha Ramamurty

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District collector
Collectorate,
Singaravelan Maligai,
Chennai-600 001.
2. Revenue Divisional Officer
South Chennai Division,
Kotturpuram, Guindy,
Chennai-600 032.
3. The Tahsildar
Mylapore,
Chennai-600 004.
4. The Chief Executive officer
Tamil Nadu Waqf board,
No.1, Jaffer Syrang Street,
Vallal Seethakathi Nagar,
Chennai-600 001.

..Respondent(s)



PRAYER – This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to forthwith correct the erroneous classification of the subject property from ‘Sarkar Poramboke’ to ‘Ryotwari’ in the electric records and issue a patta in the names of the petitioners.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Kannan

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.Jayaprakash,
Government Advocate (For R1 to R3)
Mr.Avinash Wadhwan (For R4)

ORDER

W.M.P.No.15219 of 2026 filed seeking permission to the petitioners to join together and file a single writ petition is ordered as prayed for.

2.The grievance of the petitioners in this Writ Petition is that the property morefully disclosed in the affidavit filed in support of this Writ Petition has been wrongly classified as ‘Sarkar Poramboke’, instead of ‘Ryotwari’.

3.As seen from the documents filed along with this Writ Petition, the respondents have already rejected the petitioners’ request for change of classification through the proceedings of 1st respondent dated 12.12.2023. In view of the same, the petitioners will have to challenge the proceedings of the



1st respondent dated 12.12.2023 in the manner known to the petitioners under law. Without challenging the aforesaid order, the petitioners have filed this Writ of Mandamus to change the classification, which is not maintainable.

4. When this Court had pointed out the same, the learned counsel for the petitioners seeks liberty for the petitioners to challenge the proceedings of the 1st respondent dated 12.12.2023, rejecting the petitioners' request for change of classification in the manner known to the petitioners under law.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of by granting liberty to the petitioners to challenge the proceedings of the 1st respondent dated 12.12.2023, rejecting the petitioners' request for change of classification of the land from "Sarkar Poramboke" to "Ryotwari" in the manner known to the petitioners under law. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

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

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