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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.11.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.P.No.44654 of 2026

Case QR

CNR:{HCMA012524792026}

T.Murugan
S/o.Thanigachalam
No.1/40, Pillayar Koil Street
Senjipudhur, Muttathur Post
Villupuram District 605 203.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government
   Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
   Department, Fort St. George
   Chennai 600 009.

2. The Director Of Rural Development &
   Panchayat Raj
   Chennai.

3. The District Collector
   Villupuram District
   Villupuram.

Respondent(s)

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India

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seeking a writ of Mandamus directing respondents to take necessary and appropriate steps to construct the office building of the newly formed Kanjanur Panchayat Union at the site already identified in S.F.Nos.218/1 and 218/2, Narasinganur Village, Vikravandi Taluk, Villupuramm District, measuring an extent of 0.84 Ares.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.E.P.Senniyangiri

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Guruprasad
State Government Pleader

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(Order of the Court was made by
G.Arul Murugan, J)

The writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondents to take appropriate steps to construct the office building in newly formed Kanjanur Panchayat Union at the site already identified in S.No.218/1 and 218/2, Narasinganur Village, Vikravandi Taluk, Villupuram District, in an extent of 0.84 ares.

2. Learned counsel for petitioner contended that by G.O.Ms.No.58 dated 27.02.2026, a new Panchayat Union, viz. Kanjanur Panchayat Union, was carved out and newly formed, comprising 37 village Panchayats from the existing Kaanai Panchayat Union and Vikravandi Panchayat Union. After the new Panchayat Union was formed, the

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authorities intended to proceed with construction of a Panchayat Union office and, in this regard, land comprising 0.84 ares in S.F.No.218/1 and 218/2 was identified. However, the authorities are intending to change the location and, therefore, petitioner had come up with the present writ petition mainly on the ground that the land in S.F.Nos.218/1 and 218/2 is easily accessible than any other place.

3. Learned State Government Pleader, placing on record the written instructions from the Block Development Officer dated 04.11.2026, submitted that even though in the earlier inspection conducted, the land in SF Nos.218/1 and 218/2 of Narasinganur Village of an extent of 0.84 ares was identified, considering all the requirements and future expansions, the authorities require a minimum of 1.50 acres for the construction of Panchayat Union complex.

4. Learned State Government Pleader further submitted that the land earlier identified is not available, as assignment was granted in favour of one Ananda Kumar on 22.10.2018. Since mutation was not effected, the said Ananda Kumar has approached this Court in W.P.No.37371 of 2026 seeking mutation of revenue records and the

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same was disposed of on 24.09.2026. The authorities, finding that the land identified earlier may not be suitable and not readily available for construction, have identified a different land in S.F.Nos.292/1 and 292/2 at Kanjanur–Elusempon Road, Kanjanur Village, comprising 2.10 acres and, therefore, any interference, at this stage, would stall the construction work to be undertaken.

5. Heard learned counsel for petitioner and learned State Government Pleader for respondents.

6. It is true that the Government, by G.O.Ms.No.58 dated 27.02.2026, issued orders for creation of Kanjanur Panchayat Union comprising 37 village Panchayats. Though the authorities intended to proceed with the construction of Panchayat Union building and in the inspection conducted, land was identified, later, it was found that the land in S.F.Nos.218/1 and 218/2 of Narsinganur Village, comprising 0.84 acres, is not available, as the Government had issued assignment in favour of one Ananda Kumar on 22.10.2018.

7. Though assignment was granted, since the mutation was not effected, the said Ananda Kumar has approached this Court seeking

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mutation of revenue records in his favour and this Court, by order dated 24.09.2026, directed the authorities to consider the representations of Ananda Kumar with regard to mutation and dispose of the same within a time period.

8. From the written instructions submitted, it is to be noted that the authorities require a minimum extent of 1.50 acres for the construction of the Panchayat Union office, so as to provide facilities for parking, education, agricultural department buildings and also future expansions. The land identified earlier was only 0.84 ares and it was also assigned in favour of one private person. Therefore, a fresh inspection was conducted on 05.10.2026 by the Tahsildar, Block Development Officer, Assistant Director (Panchayats), Executive Engineer (RD) and Revenue Divisional Officer, Villupuram, wherein land in S.F.Nos.292/1 and 292/2 at Kanjanur Village, comprising an extent of 2.10 acres, classified as government poramboke, was found suitable for construction of the Panchayat Union building.

9. The authorities have listed out the parameters that were considered while identifying the new site for construction. It is stated that the Government is proposing to construct the office building within

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the current financial year of 2026-2027 once they receive appropriate orders from the Tahsildar, Vikravandi.

10. In view of the stand taken above and also finding that the land identified earlier is not suitable and already a new land has been identified, we see no merits in the writ petition. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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