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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. 43928 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012550262026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Revenue Divisional officer
   Office of the Revenue Divisional officer,
   Cheyyar,
   Tiruvannamalai district 604 407
2. The tahsildar
   Vandavasi Taluk office,
   Vandavasi ,
   Tiruvannamalai district 604 408

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioners representation dated 15.06.2026 seeking disclosure of the reasons for rejection of the petitioners application dated 20.08.2025 bearing Application No. 2025/ 0105/ 06/ 621795 vide rejection order dated 20.09.2025 and to pass a reasoned and speaking order within a time frame.

For Petitioner(s): Ms.M.Sneha
For Respondent(s): Ms.A.Bakkiyalakshmi Additional Government Pleader

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The Writ Petition is filed seeking direction to the respondents to consider the representation dated 15.06.2026 submitted by the petitioner and to pass a reasoned order within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

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2. The petitioner claims to be the absolute owner of Plot Nos. 33 and 34, each measuring 1,200 sq. ft., comprised in Survey Nos. 536/1, 542/1C, 536/6, 540, 541/1C, and 536/4, situated at Kilnathamangalam Village, Vandavasi Taluk, Tiruvannamalai District. According to the petitioner, the properties were purchased under registered Sale Deeds bearing Document Nos. 1812 and 1813 of 2002, respectively, and he has been in continuous possession and enjoyment of the same.

3. The petitioner submits that he has been approaching the revenue authorities for the subdivision of the aforesaid properties and the issuance of patta from the year 2002 onwards. Thereafter, he submitted an online application dated 26.02.2024, bearing Application No. 2024/0105/06/492829, seeking subdivision and patta transfer. As no effective action was taken, he submitted further applications dated 12.06.2025 and 20.08.2025, bearing Application Nos. 2025/0105/06/604416 and 2025/0105/06/621795, respectively.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submitted that the application dated 20.08.2025 was rejected by the respondents vide order dated 20.09.2025, without assigning any specific reason for such rejection. The petitioner states that, despite submitting the relevant title deeds and other supporting documents, he was not furnished with the precise reasons for the rejection of his application.

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5. The petitioner further submits that he submitted a detailed representation dated 15.06.2026, requesting the respondents to disclose the reasons for the rejection of his application and to reconsider his request for subdivision and patta transfer. However, the said representation has not been considered and no reasoned order has been communicated to him. Hence, the present writ petition.

6. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is not seeking the adjudication of any disputed question of title in the present writ petition. The limited request is for the consideration of the representation dated 15.06.2026 and for the communication of the reasons for the rejection of the application for subdivision and patta transfer. It is further submitted that the failure of the respondents to furnish the reasons has caused serious prejudice to the petitioner.

7. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, and perused the materials available on record.

8. Considering the limited nature of the relief sought for by the petitioner in the present writ petition, this Court is of the view that the representation of

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the petitioner dated 15.06.2026 requires consideration by the competent authority. The petitioner has placed reliance upon the registered Sale Deeds bearing Document Nos. 1812 and 1813 of 2002, along with other supporting documents, in support of his claim for subdivision and patta transfer.

9. In the above circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's claim or the title to the properties in question, this Court directs the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 15.06.2026, afford him an opportunity of hearing, and pass and communicate a reasoned and speaking order in accordance with law within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the entitlement of the petitioner to subdivision or patta transfer, and the competent authorities shall independently consider the claim in accordance with law.

10. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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