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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

Case QR

WP No. 44844 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012600612026}

R.Kasthuri

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The secretary to Government
   Housing and urban Department
   Fort St.George,
   chennai-600 009
2. The Chairman
   Tamilnadu Housing Board
   Nandanam
   chennai-600 002

3. The Executive Engineer
   Vellore Housing Board section,
   Tamilnadu Housing Board
   Sathuvacheri,
   Vellore District

4. The District Revenue officer
   Office of the District Revenue officer
   Thirupattur

5. The Revenue Divisional officer
   Office of the Revenue Divisional officer
   Thirupattur

6. The Tahsildar
   office of the Tahsildar
   Thirupattur District

7. Arumugam

8. Santhi

..Respondent(s)

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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking Writ of Mandamus to direct the 5th respondent to consider the petitioners representation dated 14.10. 2026 for the purpose to cancel the patta No.2331 issued infavour of 8th respondent.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Sathyamoorthy

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Sankar Special Government Pleader for R4 to R6

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the 5th Respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 14/10/2026 for the purpose of cancelling Patta No. 2331 issued in favour of the 8th Respondent in respect of the subject property within a specified time frame.

2. According to the petitioner, her late husband's father purchased ancestral agricultural lands to an extent of 6.8 acres comprised in Survey No. 59 (Pallipattu Village) and Survey No. 170 (Thirupattur Village) on 21/07/1959. Although land acquisition proceedings were initiated by respondents 1 to 3 in 1986 and 1987, this Court by an order dated 02/12/2024 in W.P. No. 25201 of 2014 declared the acquisition proceedings as lapsed under Section 24(2) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, following which the property was name-transferred to the petitioner's husband and his brothers via proceedings

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dated 12/02/2016. The grievance of the petitioner is that during the year 2013, the 7th Respondent sold the subject property to the 8th Respondent based on fake documents, leading to an illegal mutation under Patta No. 2331. To cancel this patta, the petitioner preferred a representation dated 14/10/2026 to the 4th and 5th respondents. Since no steps have been initiated thereon, she has approached this Court.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondent Nos.4 to 6 submits that the representation submitted by the petitioner will be considered and disposed of by the 5th respondent on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, this Court is of the view that any application submitted to a statutory authority needs proper consideration and cannot be kept pending indefinitely without any valid justification. Public authorities are bound to look into such requests and dispose of them in accordance with law within a reasonable time frame.

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6. In view of the limited scope of the prayer sought for and the submissions made by both sides, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the 5th respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 14/10/2026 to conduct an enquiry regarding the cancellation of Patta No. 2331 issued in respect of the property comprised in Survey No. 59 (Pallipattu Village) and Survey No. 170 (Thirupattur Village). The 5th respondent shall, after examining the land acquisition lapsing orders, relevant revenue records, parent title documents, and after affording a fair hearing to the petitioner, private respondents 7 and 8, and any adjacent landowners or interested parties who may be affected, pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of eight (8) 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 merits of the claim made by the parties.

7. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

K.SURENDER J.
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