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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

Writ Petition No.43369 of 2025

Suresh.R
S/o.Ranganathan

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
   Office of District Collectorate,
   Thriuvannamalai, Thiruvannamalai District.

2. The Block Development Officer,
   West Arni Panchayat Union,
   West Arni, Arni, Thiruvannamalai District.

3. The Union Chairman,
   West Arni Panchayat Union,
   West Arni, Arni, Thiruvannamalai District.

4. The Tashildar,
   Arni Taluk, Arni,
   Thiruvannamalai District.

5. The Surveyor
   Arni Taluk, Arni,
   Thiruvannamalai District.

6. Damodharan @ Palani
   S/o.Kulla Gounder

..Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 5 to remove the encroachment made by the sixth respondent in S.No.65/1 and 18 cents in S.No.64/14, a Government Poramboke land designated as ‘road/saalai’ and

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'cart track/vandi paadhai' in Malayampattu village based on petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Satheesh Kumar

For Respondents: Mr.T.Arun Kumar
Additional Government Pleader
[R1, R2, R4 & R5]
No appearance [R3 & R6]
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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

Writ of Mandamus has been instituted to direct the respondents 1 to 5 to remove the encroachment made by the sixth respondent based on the petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2025.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, relying upon the written instructions given by the Tahsildar, Arni, would submit that during the course of survey, the revenue authorities identified road encroachments and a portion of the land is under the control and maintenance of the Highways Department.

3. In view of the said fact, the respondents 2 and 4 are directed to initiate enforcement action in co-ordination with the Highways Authorities and ensure that road encroachments are removed by following the procedure as contemplated under relevant Statute and Rules in force. The said exercise is directed to be completed within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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This writ petition is disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

[S.M.S., J.] [K.S., J.]
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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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To
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