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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.11.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,

CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

WP No. 47283 of 2026

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CNR:{HCMA012655692026}

S.Paramasivam
No.2/492, VaviThottom, Pallavarayapalayam,
Poomalur, Palladam Taluk Tiruppur -641 663 Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector
Tiruppur District, Palladam Road, Tiruppur-641 604.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Tirupur Division, Kumaran Road, Tirupur 641 601

3.The Tahsildar
Palladam Taluk, Palladam, Tirupur -641 664

4.The Executive Officer,
Samalapuram Town Panchayat, Samalapuram,
Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur -641 663. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 1st respondent herein to consider the representation of petitioner dated 05.10.2026 for appropriate action to provide water to livestock and to save coconut trees and for grant of permission as an interim arrangement for uninterrupted supply of water to the needy farmers of Poomalur and Ichipatti villages from the wells of the farmers of Samalapuram and Pallapalayam in Palladam Taluk, Tiruppur District to tide over the severe drought and dispose of the same in accordance with law within a fixed time frame.

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For Petitioner Mr. P.M.Duraiswamy

For Respondents Mr. M.Guruprasad
State Government Pleader

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

This writ petition, styled as a 'public interest litigation', seeks a direction to the first respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner to provide water to livestock, coconut trees and farmers of Poomaloor and Ichipatti villages from the wells of Samalapuram and Pallapalayam, Palladam Taluk.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that though he had submitted a representation to the District Collector praying to provide water to livestock and coconut trees, he shall now confine his grievance to providing water to livestock and human beings alone.

3. Learned State Counsel, on instructions, submitted that several villagers had indulged in the exploitation and sale of groundwater, due to which proceedings have been initiated by the local body, and a

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notice came to be issued on 10.09.2026. It is further submitted that only to circumvent the proceedings taken, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition under the garb of a public interest litigation, which is without any public cause, and therefore, seeks dismissal of the writ petition.

4. We have heard the submissions of both sides and perused the materials on record.

5. It is seen that certain individuals had indulged in the exploitation of groundwater by selling water to private individuals, pursuant to which action was initiated by the Executive Officer of Samalapuram Special Grade Town Panchayat by issuing a notice dated 10.09.2026. The issue is still pending and has not yet reached finality.

6. While the aforesaid notice issued to the concerned individuals is pending, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition seeking a direction to consider his representation to address the drinking water needs of livestock and also to save coconut trees.

7. Though *prima facie* we are not satisfied with the

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representation made and the relief sought in the writ petition, considering the fact that certain individuals had indulged in the commercial exploitation and sale of groundwater, due to which proceedings have been initiated by the local body, we leave it to the district administration to consider providing water to livestock, if any such situation arises, which shall be considered on its own merits.

8. With the aforesaid observations, the writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs. Consequently, WMP No.53148 of 2026 is closed.

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