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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

WP No. 44325 of 2025

Mr.Durai Raaj.P

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary To Government
Ministry Of Water Resources Department,
Secretariat, Tamilnadu
2. The District Collector
Chennai District Collector Office, No.62, 4th
Floor, Singaravellar Malligai, Rajaji Salai,
Chennai
3. The Assistant Enineer
Water Resources Department, Krishna
Drinking Water Supply Project Phase li, Sub
Division-3 Thiruvallur
4. The Assistant Engineer
Water Resources Department, Krishna
Drinking Water Supply Main Road, Chepauk,
Chennai-600 005
5. The Assistant Engineer
Water Resources Department, Krishna
Drinking Water Supply Uthukottai
6. The Tahsildar
Sholinganallur Taluk, Tnhb, Sholinganallur,
Chennai, Tamilnadu-600 119

..Respondent(s)



Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India issuing writ of certiorari to call for records of the proceedings dated 3.11.2025 culminating into Notice dated 3.11.2025 under form III of Rule 6(1)i, on the file of the Assistant Engineer, Water Resources Department, Krishna Drinking Water supply Project, Phase-II sub division-3, Thiruvallur, 3rd respondent herein and quash the same

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.B.Mushtaque Ahmed

For Respondent(s): Mr.A.Selvendran
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

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

The present writ petition has been instituted challenging the show cause notice issued for eviction of encroachments in the water body.

2. Notice has been issued by the water resources department. The said notice would not provide any cause for initiation of writ proceeding.

3. Learned Special Government Pleader would submit that similarly placed encroacher, Mr.K.V.Hari Prasad filed writ petition in WP.No.43363 of 2025, challenging the show cause notice and the same was dismissed by the Division Bench of this Court on 07.11.2025.

4. Pertinently, enforcement action commenced long before and notices were issued on early occasions also. If at all, petitioner possess any



documents, he is at liberty to submit the same before the competent authority, and the competent authority after considering the documents proceed with the enforcement action, and evict the encroachers in the water body by following further procedure as contemplated under the Act. This exercise shall be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition stands dismissed. No cost. Consequently the connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (C.K.,J.)
25-02-2026

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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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**S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.
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