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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

Case QR

WP No. 47119 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012809692026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   Collectorate Building,
   Villupuram District,
   Villupuram.
2. The Tahsildar
   Taluk Office,
   Gingee Taluk,
   Villupuram District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to direct the 2nd Respondent to consider the petitioners Patta application dated 3.11.2026 and effect the mutation/transfer of Patta No. 132 in the names of the legal heirs of Late Dhanapal in respect of the land measuring an extent of 42.50 Ares, comprised in Survey No.8/6, situated at Narasingarayanpettai Village, Gingee Taluk, Villupuram District, and consequently, direct the respondents not to cancel Patta No. 132 in respect of the aforesaid property, situated at Narasingarayanpettai Village, Gingee Taluk,Villupuram District, without issuing prior notice to the petitioner and the other legal heirs of Late Dhanapal, affording them an opportunity of personal hearing and following due process of law.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Sathya Raj

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Sivavarthanan Special Government Pleader

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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking direction to the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's patta application dated 13.11.2026 and effect the mutation/transfer of Patta No. 132 in the names of the legal heirs of Late Dhanapal in respect of the land measuring an extent of 42.50 Ares, comprised in Survey No. 8/6, situated at Narasingarayanpettai Village, Gingee Taluk, Villupuram District, and consequently, directing the respondents not to cancel Patta No. 132 without issuing prior notice and following due process of law.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the subject property was originally assigned to the petitioner's father, Late Dhanapal, in the year 1982, and Patta No. 132 was issued in his favour. Following his demise intestate on 16.06.2017, the petitioner and the other legal heirs have been in joint possession and enjoyment of the property. The petitioner submitted an online/fresh application dated 13.11.2026 to the 2nd respondent seeking transfer of patta in the names of the legal heirs. However, the said application has not been considered till date, and the petitioner apprehends that the respondents may take steps to cancel or mutate the patta in favour of third parties without affording an opportunity of hearing.

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3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that the petitioner's application dated 13.11.2026 is pending consideration before the 2nd respondent and that appropriate orders will be passed on merits and in accordance with law after conducting due enquiry, within a reasonable time frame fixed by this Court.

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

5. In view of the limited relief sought by the petitioner, and without going into the merits of the case, this Court is of the view that it would suffice to direct the 2nd respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's application within a stipulated time.

6. Accordingly, the 2nd respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's patta transfer application dated 13.11.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, after issuing due notice and affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner, the other legal heirs of Late Dhanapal, and any other interested/rival parties. It is made clear that no adverse order cancelling or mutating Patta No. 132 shall be passed without following due process of law. The said exercise shall be completed within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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

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