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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24.11.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

WA No. 3636 of 2025
CNR:{HCMA012921882025}

and
CMP Nos. 30037 and 30038 of 2025

A.Hemalatha
W/o. Late Ashokan,
No.37, Rajiv Gandhi Street,
Moovarasampet, Madippakkam,
Chennai-600 091
Now residing at
No.37, Anjaneyar Koil Street,
Poonamallee, Chennai 600 056

Appellant

Vs

1.The District Collector
Thiruvallur District.

2.The Member Secretary
Chennai Fishing Harbour
Committee, Chennai Port Trust,
No.1, Rajaji Salai,
Chennai-600 001

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3.The Estate Officer
Chennai Fishing Harbour
Committee, Chennai Port Trust,
No.1, Rajaji Salai,
Chennai-600 001

4.The Tahsildar
Poonamalle Taluk,
Thiruvallur District.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent to set aside the order dated 14.11.2025 passed in W.M.P.No.48129 of 2025 in W.P.No.42996 of 2025.

For Appellant: Mr.S.Silambanan
Senior Counsel
for Mr. N.K.Susruthan

For Respondent(s): Mr. L.Gokulraj
Addl. Government Pleader

JUDGMENT
(Delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This writ appeal assails the interim order dated 14.11.2025 passed in W.M.P.No.48129 of 2025 in W.P.No.42996 of 2025.

2. The learned Single Judge, while granting the interim order, has put a condition that the appellant should deposit a sum of Rs.60

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lakhs on the file of the third respondent, i.e., the Estate Officer, within two weeks. Being aggrieved, the appellant has filed this writ appeal.

3. This Court, vide order dated 27.11.2025, stayed the impugned order dated 14.11.2025 by making the following observation:

> *"In the averment made in the affidavit filed in support of the Writ Appeal, the appellant's husband claims to have been handed over the constructed premises to the respondents on 31.12.2017. Before this claim could be adjudicated, the interim order, directing the appellant to deposit almost half of the alleged arrears of land revenue, amounting to Rs.60 Lakhs, may not be justifiable.*
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> *2. All these aspects could be adjudicated during the final disposal of the Writ Appeal. However, since the conditional order of stay appears to be prima facie unjustifiable, there shall be an order of interim stay of the order dated 14.11.2025 made in WMP No.48129 of 2025 in WP.No.42996 of 2025, insofar as it imposes a pre-condition to deposit Rs.60 Lakhs."*

4. Since the appellant claims to have handed over the constructed premises to the respondents herein before 31.12.2017, there was no occasion to direct the appellant to deposit a sum of Rs.60 lakhs.

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5. In view of the above, till the writ petition is decided, the interim order granted by this Court on 27.11.2025 shall continue. We request the learned Single Judge to take up the writ petition and decide the same as expeditiously as possible.

6. With the above observation, the writ appeal is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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