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W.P.No.1479 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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T. Prabhu
S/o. Thirthan
68/9b, Sengalathupadi
Kaveribreek Post, Cauvery Peak
Salem 636 602.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Salem District
Salem 636 001.
2. The District Revenue officer
Salem.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Salem Division, Salem District.
4. The Tahsildar
Yercaud Taluk
Salem District.
5. The Block Development Officer
(Village Panchayat)
Yercaud Panchayat Union
Salem District.



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6. The President
Semmanatham Village Panchayat
Yercaud Panchayat Union
Salem District.

7. Gowri Pandiyanathan
Proprietor of Gowri Estate
Mangalam Village, Yercaud Taluk
Salem District.

Respondent(s)

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to establish a cremation/burial ground in S.No.13/2B in the Mangalam Village, Yercaud Taluk, Salem district or any other suitable place based on the communications/note dated 17.11.2023, 03.07.2024, 18.07.2024, 17.10.2024 issued by 4th respondent within a time frame stipulated by this Hon'ble court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. K. Sathish Kumar

For Respondent(s): Mr. E.Vijay Anand
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 to R6

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by
the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This public interest litigation has been filed seeking issuance of direction for establishment of burial ground/cremation ground in S.No.13/2B in Mangalam Village, Yercaud Taluk, Salem District.



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2. After going through the petition, we find that the request of the residents of that area for establishing cremation/burial ground is under consideration and various internal communications have taken place amongst respondents 3 to 5. It further appears that the proposals made in this regard are pending with the second respondent/District Revenue Officer, Salem.

3. In view of the above, we direct the second respondent to take decision in the matter within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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