



W.A.No.299 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11.02.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and C.M.P.No.2687 of 2026

V.Saroja,
W/o.Vellaiyan,
No.90/32, South East Road, Fairlands,
Salem – 16.

Appellant

Vs

- 1.Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Housing and Urban Development
Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Special Tahsildar,
Land Acquisition (Neighbourhood Scheme)
Tamil Nadu Housing Board,
Salem Housing Unit,
Salem - 636 008.
- 3.The Chairman and Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Housing Board,
Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.



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4.The Executive Engineer and
Administration Officer,
Tamil Nadu Housing Board,
Salem Housing Unit,
Salem -626 008.

Respondents

PRAYER: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent to set aside the order passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.No.24716 of 2019 dated 17.09.2025.

For Appellant: Mr.P.Jagadeesan

For Respondents: Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
for R1 and R2

JUDGMENT

(Delivered by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

2. Though a challenge is made to the legality and validity of the award passed way back in 1986 on the ground that the acquisition proceedings lapsed in view of the provisions contained in Section 24(2) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, taking into consideration the Supreme Court decision in the case of *Indore*



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*Development Authority v. Manoharlal and others*¹, and further taking into consideration the Supreme Court decision in the case of *Delhi Development Authority v. Damini Wadhwa and others*², the appellant, being a subsequent purchaser, has no right to claim lapse of acquisition proceedings.

The appeal is, accordingly, dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
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¹(2020) 8 SCC 129

²(2022) 10 SCC 519



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