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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP Nos. 50406 & 50408 of 2025

and

WMP Nos. 56420 & 56421 of 2025

Mohanambal
W/o. Sakthivel,
Upanatragarai,
Usuppur Village,
Chidambaram Taluk,
Cuddalore District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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Cuddalore District.
2. The Sub Collector /Revenue Divisional Officer
Chidambaram,
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3. The Thasildhar
Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District
4. The Junior Engineer
Water Resources Department,
Khansahib Canal Section,
Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District.

..Respondent(s)

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S/O. Chellayan,
Upanatragarai,
Usuppur Village,
Chidambaram Taluk,



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directing the 1st Respondent to consider the petitioners representation dated 22.12.2025 made to the 1st Respondent for issuance of free house site patta in alternative site and pass

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.J. Sivakumar

For Respondent(s): Mr. T.Arun Kumar
Addl.Govt.Pleader for R1 to R4

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

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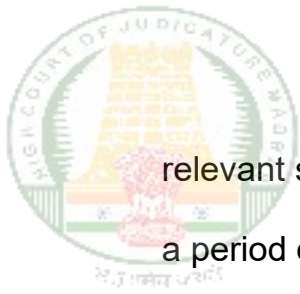
The facts stated in the affidavit filed in support of the writ petitions as well as the representations sent by the petitioners would show that encroachments are identified in water body.

2. Notice for removal of encroachments was issued by the authorities. The encroachers made a request to allot an alternate accommodation.

3. It is needless to state that eligible landless poor encroachers may be provided with an alternate accommodation under the Government Welfare Scheme through TamilNadu Urban Habitat Development Board. The eligible encroachers are at liberty to submit an application seeking allotment of tenement or plot, as the case may be, under any one of the welfare scheme. The authorities shall consider their case, based on the terms and conditions stipulated under the Scheme.

4. As far as the encroachments in the water body is concerned, it is to be removed by following the procedures and the water body is to be protected for the public interest.

5. Therefore, the authorities are directed to remove the encroachers in the water body by following the procedures as contemplated under the



relevant statutes and rules. The said exercise is directed to be completed within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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6. With the above directions, the Writ Petitions are disposed of No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (K.S.,J.)

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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