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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 16/02/2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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1. C.Muthammal

2. C.Saravanan

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Member of Secretary,
Tamil Nadu State Scheduled Caste
and Scheduled Tribes Commission,
Plot No.1086, Door No.19,
21st Main Road, Ponny Colony,
Anna Nagar, Chennai-600 040.

2. The District Collector,
Theni District.

3. The Superintendent of Police,
Theni District.

4. The District Adi Dravidar &
Tribal Welfare Officer,
Office of District Adi Dravidar &
Tribal Welfare Officer,
Theni District.

5. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Periyakulam Taluk,
Theni District.

6. The Assistant Director of Town Panchayat,
Office of the Assistant Director



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- of Town Panchayat,
Theni District.
7. The Assistant Director of Town Panchayat,
Office of the Assistant Director
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Theni District.
 8. The Deputy Superintendent of Police,
Periyakulam,
Theni District.
 9. The Inspector of Police,
Thenkarai Police Station,
Periyakulam,
Theni District.
 10. The Executive Officer,
Vadugapatti Selection Grade Town Panchayat,
Vadugapatti,
Periyakulam Taluk,
Theni District.
 11. Thiru Muthukrishnan,
Head Clerk,
Vadugapatti Selection Grade Town Panchayat,
Vadugapatti,
Periyakulam Taluk,
Theni District.
 12. Natesan,
President,
Vadugapatti Selection Grade,
Town Panchayat,
Vadugapatti,
Periyakulam Taluk,
Theni District.
- ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus



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directing the respondents 1 to 3 herein to make separate inquiries in accordance with law, initiate action against the respondents 9 to 11 herein for their illegal atrocities caused to the petitioners, being members of scheduled caste under Special Enactment and consequently direct the respondents 9 to 11 herein to forthwith restore the house site of the petitioners vide Patta No.3397 measuring 1.1/2 cents comprised in Survey No.627/34 and 627/1 part situated in Thamaraikulam Bit-I, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District within a reasonable time as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.K.Guhan

For R3, R7 & R8 : Mr.A.S.Abul Kalaam Azad,
Government Advocate (Crl.Side)

For R1 & R2 : Mr.M.Muthumanikkam
Government Advocate(civil side)

For R4, R5 & R6 : Mr.P.Thambidurai
Government Advocate

For R9 : Mr.A.Oli Raja
Government Advocate



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This Writ Petition is filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 3 herein to make separate inquiries in accordance with law and initiate action against the respondents 9 to 11 herein for their illegal atrocities caused to the petitioners, being members of scheduled caste under Special Enactment and consequently direct the respondents 9 to 11 herein to forthwith restore the house site of the petitioners vide Patta No.3397 measuring 1.1/2 cents comprised in Survey No.627/34 and 627/1 part situated in Thamaraikulam Bit-I, Periyakulam Taluk, Theni District within a reasonable time frame.

2.Heard both sides.

3. The petitioners belonged to SC/ST community. The petitioners were granted Patta in the year 1956. The 1st petitioner's husband died. According to the respondents, the father-in-law of the petitioner ought to have used the said patta land and put up



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construction within three years, but the same was not carried out and the said condition was violated. Therefore, the respondents cancelled the patta and put up water tank in the said place. The water tank was in existence for the past 50 years and the same was in a dilapidated condition. Now the respondents demolished and planned to put up new water tank. However, the petitioners submitted that the patta once assigned to the father-in-law was not cancelled. Hence, the petitioners approached this Court by way of this writ petition.

4. At this juncture, the petitioners cannot seek any patta for the same place since water tank was put up and that was in existence for more than 50 years. Therefore, the petitioners are directed to submit a fresh application to the respondents. On such filing of application, the respondents are directed to consider the same for granting alternative site as per law.



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5. With these observations and directions, this

writ petition is disposed of. No Costs.

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