



W.P(MD)No.5956 of 2026

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED : 05.03.2026**

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

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St.Thomas Church,  
Represented by its Parish Priest,  
Batlagundu,  
Dindigul District.

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The Secretary to Government,  
Department of Backward Classes and Most  
Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare,  
Khalasa Mahal (Heritage Building),  
First Floor, Chepauk,  
Chennai – 600 005.
2. The Commissioner of Land Administration,  
Land Administration Department,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Elizham,  
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
3. The Chairman,  
State Minority Commission,  
Khalasa Mahal (Heritage Building),  
First Floor  
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
4. The District Collector,  
Thiagi Subramania Maligai,  
Velu Nachiar Valaham,  
Chettinaickenpatti, Dindigul - 624 004.



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5. The District Revenue Officer,  
Thiagi Subramania Maligai,  
Velu Nachiar Valaham,  
Chettinaickenpatti, Dindigul - 624 004.

6. The Revenue Divisional Officer,  
Dindigul - 624 001.

7. The District Officer,  
Department of Backward Classes and Most  
Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare,  
Dindigul District.

8. The Tahsildar,  
Nilakkottai, Dindigul 624 208.

... Respondents

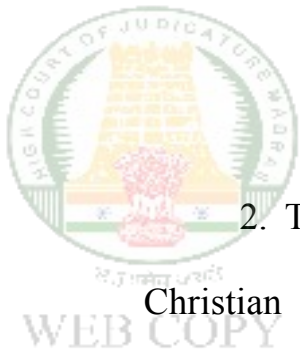
**PRAYER :** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to act upon the representation, dated 25.08.2025, directing the respondents to allot land for cemetery, as per the request of the petitioner.

For Petitioner : M.Savarimuthu.FR.S  
For M/S. Father Xavier Associates

For Respondents : Mr.SRA.Ramachandran  
Additional Government Pleader

### **ORDER**

The present Writ Petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to act upon the representation, dated 25.08.2025, directing the respondents to allot land for cemetery, as per the request of the petitioner.



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2. The petitioner is seeking to allot Government poromboke land for a Christian burial ground for which the petitioner is also relying on the classification of three lands, which are shown as “Tharisu”. In the event that no suitable land is available, the petitioner has further requested acquisition of land and allotment of the same for a Christian burial ground. Such representation was submitted as early as 25.08.2025

3. The petitioner submitted a representation to the District Revenue Officer, with a copy marked to the District Collector. Therefore, the fourth respondent / District Collector is directed to consider the petitioner's representation and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

**05.03.2026**

NCC : Yes / No  
Index : Yes / No  
Internet : Yes

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**S.SRIMATHY, J.**

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