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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 26-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

WP(MD) No. 2944 of 2024

CNR:{HCMD010131632024}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
   O/o.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
   Guindy - Velachery Main Road,
   Near Kannikapuram,
   Chennai.

2. The Secretary to Government,
   Public Works Department,
   Secretariat, St. George Fort,
   Chennai

3. The District Collector,
   Trichy District, Trichy.

4. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
   Musiri, Trichy District

5. The District Forest Officer,
   Trichy Division,
   Court Campus,
   Cantonement,
   Trichy District

6. The Forest Engineer,
   Chief Forest Protection Office Campus,
   1st Floor, Senduram Street,
   J.K.Nagar,
   Tiruchirappalli

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7. The Block Development Officer,
Thathaiyangarpettai Union Office,
Trichy District

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to lay the road in the parallel road in S.No.444, 445, 455, 453, 452 and 467 towards the Thumbalam to Mangalam, Musiri Taluk, Trichy District based on the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2023 and 12.08.2023 made to the respondents herein.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.C.Ezhilarasu

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.I.Muthiah
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P. VELMURUGAN J.)

The present writ petition is filed in the nature of Public Interest Litigation seeking for a direction to the respondents to lay the road in the parallel road in S.No.444, 445, 455, 453, 452 and 467 towards the Thumbalam to Mangalam, Musiri Taluk, Trichy District based on the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2023 and 12.08.2023.

2. The learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the existing road is approximately 9 kilometres long, whereas the proposed parallel road is only about 2 kilometres. The petitioner contends that the parallel

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road would greatly benefit the residents of the neighbouring villages, particularly agriculturists for transporting agricultural produce. However, the representations submitted by the petitioner in this regard have not been considered.

3. Whereas, the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submits that the lands in question form part of a reserved forest area. Therefore, the respondents cannot lay the road without obtaining the requisite permission from the Central Government and the Forest Department.

4. Heard the learned Counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials placed on record.

5. Admittedly, the lands in question form part of a reserved forest area. Therefore, any decision regarding the proposed road-laying work would necessarily require consideration by the competent authorities of the Central Government. However, the concerned authorities of the Central Government have not been impleaded as parties to the present writ petition. In such circumstances, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present writ petition.

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6. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. However, the petitioner is at liberty to work out his remedy before the appropriate authority in the manner known to law. There shall be no order as to costs.

(P.V.,J.) (K.K.R.K.,J.)
26-10-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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