



W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

K.Ramachandran

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by Secretary to Government,
Aadhi Dravidar Tribal Welfare Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 3.The Sub Collector,
Office of the Sub Collector,
Sivakasi - 626 124.
- 4.The Tahsildhar,
Rajapalayam Taluk,
Rajapalayam,
Virudhunagar District
- 5.The Commissioner,
Rajapalayam Municipality,
Rajapalayam,
Virudhunagar District.



W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

6.Ramasamy

7.Kannan

... Respondents

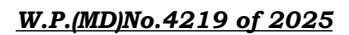
[R6 and R7 are impleaded as per order dated 27.01.2026,
made in W.M.P.(MD)No.6076 of 2025]

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the fourth respondent herein to sub divide 50.40 cents of land from T.S.No.1/57, Rajapalayam Municipality and to issue a separate patta jointly in the names of 45 families relocated from Thiruvananthapuram Street by considering the representation of the petitioner, dated 16.11.2024.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.D.Sivaraman
For R1 to R4	:	Mr.P.Subbaraj Special Government Pleader
For R5	:	Mr.N.Dilip Kumar Standing Counsel
For R6 and R7	:	Mrs.A.Banumathy

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the fourth respondent to subdivide an extent of 50.40 cents of land from T.S.No.1/57, Rajapalayam Municipality, and to issue a separate joint patta in the names of 45 families who were relocated from Thiruvananthapuram Street, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 16.11.2024.



3. After allotment of the said land, the families constructed a small Peedam, installed a deity, and commenced worship. While so, during the year 2018, certain third parties, including some persons from Mangapuram Street, attempted to encroach upon the said land. It is alleged that the fourth respondent, in collusion with the encroachers, forcibly removed the Peedam and threatened the families stating that the land belonged to the Municipality.



W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

WEB COPY

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that once an extent of 1.36 acres of land had been allotted to the 45 families, they are entitled to enjoy the entirety of the said land. It is contended that the decision of the families to keep an extent of 50.40 cents as open space for common amenities cannot be interfered with and that the fifth respondent Municipality, along with persons from the joint hamlets, is attempting to claim the said land, which, according to the petitioner, was part of the original allotment made in favour of the 45 families.

5. However, since the learned counsel for the petitioner confines the prayer to a direction for disposal of the petitioner's representation dated 16.11.2024 seeking issuance of a joint patta in respect of the extent of 50.40 cents in favour of the 45 families, this Court directs the fourth respondent / Tahsildar to consider and dispose of the said representation on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. The said exercise shall be completed as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of sixteen weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to all parties concerned.



W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

WEB COPY

6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
smn2

(K.SURENDER, J.)
27.01.2026
(2/2)

To:-

- 1.The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Aadhi Dravidar Tribal Welfare Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.
- 3.The Sub Collector,
Office of the Sub Collector,
Sivakasi - 626 124.
- 4.The Tahsildhar,
Rajapalayam Taluk,
Rajapalayam,
Virudhunagar District
- 5.The Commissioner,
Rajapalayam Municipality,
Rajapalayam,
Virudhunagar District.



WEB COPY



W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

K.SURENDER, J.

smn2

W.P.(MD)No.4219 of 2025

27.01.2026

(2/2)