



W.P.(MD) No.4067 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 13.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

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Samathanaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
O/o. the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi District.
- 2.The Tahsildar,
Vilathikulam Taluk Office,
Vilathikulam,
Thoothukudi District.
- 3.The Village Administrative Officer,
O/o. the Village Administrative Officer,
Vembar Village, Vilathikulam Taluk,
Thoothukudi District.
- 4.Suyambulingam
- 5.Chandramohan
- 6.Lakshmanan
- 7.Sekar

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India,
for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first to third respondents



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to conduct enquiry and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 16.10.2024 for issuance of joint patta in respect of the property situated in Survey No.269 with an extent of 4 Acres and 49 Cents in Vembar Village, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District within a time period stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Abdulkabur

For R1 to R3 : Mr.P.Subbaraj
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first to third respondents to conduct an enquiry and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 16.10.2024, seeking issuance of joint patta in respect of the property situated in Survey No269, measuring an extent of 4 Acres and 49 Cents, at Vembar Village, Vilathikulam Taluk, Thoothukudi District, within a time frame stipulated by this Court.

2. With the consent of the parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself, dispensing with the notice to the fourth to seventh respondents, as no adverse orders are proposed to be passed against them.



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3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the subject property belongs to eleven members of the petitioner's family, including the petitioner and his relatives. However, the said property was subdivided as Survey No.269/1A1 and patta was issued in the names of the fourth to seventh respondents. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 16.10.2024 to the first respondent seeking cancellation of the subdivision and issuance of joint patta in their names. The first respondent, vide proceedings dated 29.10.2024, directed the second respondent to enquire into the matter and submit a report. Thereafter, no further action has been taken. Hence, the petitioner has been constrained to file the present Writ Petition.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the first to third respondents, on instructions, would submit that the enquiry on the petitioner's representation dated 16.10.2024 would be concluded and appropriate orders would be passed by the first respondent within a period of eight weeks.

5. Recording the above submission and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a



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direction to the first respondent to conclude the enquiry on the petitioner's representation dated 16.10.2024 and pass appropriate orders on its merits and in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The first respondent is also directed to provide a reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, the private respondents and any other interested parties who may be affected by such decision, before passing any order. There shall be no order as to costs.

[K.SURENDER, J.]
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