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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **03.03.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

W.P.(MD)No.4319 of 2026

Mahalingam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Housing and Urban Development Department,
Secretariate,
Chennai.
2. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai.
3. The Deputy Secretary to Government,
Housing and Urban Development Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 9.
4. The Member Secretary / Assistant Director,
Local Planning Authority,
Trichy,
Kajamalai Main Road,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 023.
5. The Commissioner,
Tiruchirappalli City Corporation,
Tiruchirappalli.

...Respondents



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PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents No.1 and 3 to dispose the petitioner's appeal in Letter No.4168365/UD4(L.Re. 2)/2023-2 dated 14.08.2023 pending on the file of the 3rd respondent, within time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Prasanna Vinoth
For Respondents : Mr.D.Sasikumar (R1 to R4)
Additional Government Pleader
Mr.J.Sri Prasad
for M/s.R.B.Law Associates

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

The instant writ petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to dispose of the appeal filed by the petitioner within the time frame fixed by this Court.

2.The contention of the petitioner is that he is the absolute owner of the property and superstructure in the subject property. Alleging certain violations, the authorities concerned passed an order of lock and seal of the subject building. Aggrieved by the said order the



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petitioner preferred an appeal before the authorities competent and also submitted a revised plan for regularization. However, the said appeal filed by the petitioner is still kept pending and the building remains under lock and seal. Hence, the petitioner seeks necessary direction.

3. We have considered the submissions of the petitioner and perused materials available on record.

4. Admittedly, the appeal filed by the petitioner as early as in the year 2023 is pending without consideration. Hence, the respondent competent is directed to dispose of the appeal dated 14.08.2023 within a period of one (1) month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
03.03.2026

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