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W.P.(MD)NO.4557 OF 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 19.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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Jawahar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. By the Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.
2. The District Collector,
District Collectorate,
Madurai – 625 020.
3. The Superintending Engineer,
Water Resources Department Office,
Thallakulam – 625 002.
4. The Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Periyar Main Canal Division,
Melur,
Madurai District – 625 106.
5. The Tahsildar / Monitoring Committee,
Tahsildar Office,
Madurai East – 625 009.



6. The Block Development Officer,
O/o.the Block Development Officer,
Madurai East – 625 009.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing respondents 1 to 6 to ensure the village pond(Oorani) in survey No.153/1, Narasingam Panchayat, Madurai East Taluk, Madurai is not alienate from its original position and plant native trees in pond bund, consequently direct the respondents 1 to 6 to remove the encroachment made in the village pond(Oorani) in survey No.153/1, Narasingam Panchayat, Madurai East Taluk, Madurai and maintain the village pond as per revenue records in accordance with law within a stipulated time that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.V.Saha

For Respondents : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader for R-1 to R-5.

Mr.S.Vinodh,
Government Advocate for R-6.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.



2. The petitioner is resident of Narasingam Village. He alleges that the petition-mentioned water body in survey No.153/1 is sought to be tinkered with by the authorities.

3. Ms.K.Saraswathi, Block Development Officer, Madurai East is present in person. She assures before the Court that only a paver block road having width of 12 feet is being laid on the bund of the water body and that as a result, neither the storage capacity of the water body nor its extent will be affected in any manner.

4. Recording the aforesaid undertaking of the Block Development Officer, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
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NCC : Yes / No

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