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W.P.(MD) No.4395 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.02.2026

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

**W.P.(MD) No.4395 of 2026
and
W.M.P.(MD) Nos.3653 & 3654 of 2026**

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... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The District Collector
Madurai District
Madurai

2.The Block Development Officer
Madurai East Union Panchayat
Madurai

3.The Tahsildar
Madurai East
Madurai

4.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Melur, Madurai District

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 1st respondent in Na.Ka.No.3849537/2025/Oi. 1 dated 03.02.2026 permitting operation of a compost yard in land situated survey No.19/4B in Rajakambeeram Village, Othakadai Panchayat, Madurai East Union, Madurai, quash the same and direct the respondents to allot alternative land for permitting the Compost Yard.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Arun Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1, R3 & R4
Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader for R2

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.]

This public interest litigation is filed challenging the proceedings of the District Collector, dated 03.02.2026, identifying the land in Survey No. 19/4B of Rajakambeeram Village, for erecting a compost yard.



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2. According to the petitioner, the land, which has been identified for erection of the compost yard, is very adjacent to a private hospital and if the compost yard is erected in the said land, it will cause nuisance to the patients in the said hospital. The petitioner also apprehends that there is a public drinking water tank near the proposed compost yard and hence, erection of compost yard in the said land would lead to serious ground water pollution and bacterial contamination of portable water.

3. On perusing the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition and also the representation given by the petitioner to the authority concerned, we find that it is a clear case of private interest to protect the interest of the private hospital. The land, which has been identified for erection of the compost yard, is classified as “அரசு தரிசு” in the revenue records. Therefore, the petitioner has no locus to challenge the impugned proceedings of the District Collector and the apprehension of the petitioner is not based on any scientific support. Hence, we are not inclined to entertain this writ petition.



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4. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[G.J., J.] [K.K.R.K., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No

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