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W.P.(MD)NO.4554 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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SP.Subramanian,
S/o.Subbaiah,
Correspondent,
Thalambal Nursery and Primary School,
Azhagapuri Street,
Thenammai Oorani East,
Devakkottai Town,
Sivagangai District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector / Monitoring Committee,
Sivagangai District.
2. The District Revenue Officer(DRO),
Sivagangai.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer(RDO),
Devakkottai.
4. The Tahsildar,
Devakkottai Taluk, Sivagangai District.
5. The Executive Engineer,
Manimutharu Vadi Nila Kottam,
O/o.Executive Engineer,
Devakkottai,
Sivagangai District.

... Respondents



Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, issuing a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to take action for removal of encroachments in property comprised in Ward M, Block No.3, Survey No.18 of Devakottai Town of Sivagangai District of an extent of 3 acres 12284 square feet classified as Oorani by name “Mela Kattoorani” and directing for restoration and proper maintenance of the said “Mela Kattoorani.”

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Sundar Srinivasan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Vinodh,
Government Advocate.

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ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. It is beyond dispute that survey No.18 Devakottai Town has been classified as “Oorani”. It appears that it has been encroached.

3. The petitioner's counsel would allege that on account of growth of agitation, the said water body has become unidentifiable. If the water body has fallen into disuse on account of growth of vegetation, it is the duty of the fourth respondent to clear the same and the restore the water body to its original condition. The fourth



respondent shall conduct survey and coordinate with the fifth respondent and take all possible steps to restore the water body to its original condition. This exercise shall be done within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. 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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