



W.P.(MD) No.5307 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

W.P.(MD) No.5307 of 2026

and

W.M.P.(MD) No.4452 of 2026

M.Nallapichan @ Manikandan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Melur, Madurai District.

2.The Tahsildar,
Madurai East Taluk,
Madurai District.

3.S.Nirmala

4.T.Alagarsamy

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned patta transfer and sub-division order made T.R.No.2024/24/15/000460SD dated 28.09.2024 passed by the second respondent and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the first and second respondents to cancel the patta in Patta Nos.2084 and 2085 and sub-division for the lands in S.No.81/3A, Neer Mangulam 1, Madurai East Taluk, Madurai District in favour of the third and fourth respondents



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and to effect patta as stood earlier *vide* Patta No. 465 within stipulated time framed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Dinesh

For R1 & R2 : Mr.B.Ramanathan
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned patta transfer and sub-division order made in T.R.No. 2024/24/15/000460SD dated 28.09.2024 passed by the second respondent, quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the first and second respondents to cancel the patta granted in Patta Nos.2084 and 2085 and the consequential sub-division in respect of the lands comprised in S.No.81/3A, Neer Mangulam-1, Madurai East Taluk, Madurai District, in favour of the third and fourth respondents, and to restore the patta as it stood earlier *vide* Patta No.465 within the time stipulated by this Court.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the second respondent, without conducting an enquiry and without issuing



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notice to the petitioner and other pattadars, effected the sub-division of the property and transfer of patta in favour of the third respondent *vide* the impugned order.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the first and second respondents would fairly submit that the records do not disclose that the petitioner was put on notice before effecting the sub-division and transfer of patta.

4. Once a sub-division is effected and patta is transferred, notice shall be issued to the other pattadars and interested parties. Effecting a sub-division or transfer of patta without issuing notice and conducting an enquiry is illegal and violative of the principles of natural justice. Since no notice was served on the petitioner, on that ground alone, the impugned order is set aside and the matter is remitted back to the second respondent to pass a fresh order after issuing notice to the petitioner and other pattadars and interested parties and conducting an enquiry, within a period of sixteen (16) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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5. With the above observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

[K.SURENDER, J.]
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