



W.P.(MD)No.5458 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

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N.Dhanabalan

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District,
Virudhunagar.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Sivakasi,
Virudhunagar District.

3.The Tahsildar,
Sivakasi Taluk,
Virudhuangar District.

4.N.Ponraj

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to dispose the appeal dated 24.12.2025 filed u/s.12 of Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act, 1983 and Rules 1983, within the stipulated time fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M.Jothi Basu
For R1 to R3 : Mr.P.Subbaraj
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the second respondent to dispose the appeal dated 24.12.2025 filed under Section 12 of Tamil Nadu Patta Pass Book Act, 1983 and the Rules, 1983, within the stipulated time to be fixed by this Court.

2. By consent, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. Since no adverse orders are going to be passed against the fourth respondent, notice to the fourth respondent is hereby dispensed with.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the subject property originally belonged to the petitioner's father. After the death of the petitioner's father, the fourth respondent, who is the brother of the petitioner filed O.S.No.129 of 2023 seeking partition before the Additional District Court, Srivilliputhur,



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Virudhunagar District and the same is pending. During the pendency of the said suit, the fourth respondent herein filed an application before the third respondent to change the Patta in respect of the subject property. Without conducting any enquiry, the third respondent changed the Patta and issued joint Patta including the name of the petitioner and the fourth respondent in Patta No.10061. Aggrieved over the same, the petitioner preferred an appeal dated 24.12.2025 before the second respondent and the same is still pending. Since the said appeal has not been considered till date, the petitioner has approached this Court.

5. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 to 3 would submit that the petitioner's appeal dated 24.12.2025 will be considered and disposed of on merits and in accordance with law within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

6. Recording the aforesaid submission and without going into the merits of the matter, this Court directs the second respondent to consider the petitioner's appeal dated 24.12.2025 and dispose of the same on merits and in accordance with law, after affording due opportunity of hearing to all the necessary parties



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concerned, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. The Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

NCC : Yes / No
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