



**W.P.(MD)No.8161 of 2024**

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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DATED : 01.06.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN  
and  
THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.POORNIMA**

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A.Arumugam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,  
Pudukottai District.

2.The Thasildar,  
Thirumayam Taluk,  
Pudukottai District.

3.The Block Development Officer,  
Arimalam Panchayat Union,  
Thirumayam Taluk,  
Pudukottai District.

4.The President,  
Thekattur Village Panchayat,  
Thirumayam Taluk,  
Pudukottai District.

5.Karuppaiah

... Respondents

**Prayer :** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the



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respondents 1 to 4 to remove the encroachment made up on the Government Pathway by the 5th respondent in Survey No.529/24 in Melatheuthupatti, Thekattur Village, Thirumayam Taluk, Pudukotttai District and to take appropriate action against the 5th Respondent for his illegal encroachment on the Government Public Pathway by considering the petitioner's representation dated 15.02.2024 within the time limit that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Karthikeya Venkitachalapathy

For Respondents : Mr.M.P.Senthil,  
Govt. Advocate for R1 to R4.  
Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian for R5

**ORDER**

**(Order of the Court was delivered by G.R.Swaminathan, J.)**

Heard both sides.

2.The petitioner is a resident of Thekattur. According to him, Survey No.529/24 in Melatheuthupatti has been classified as “road” and that the fifth respondent has encroached on it.



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3.We direct the second respondent to conduct survey after issuing notice to all the interested parties. If the results indicate that there is encroachment in the public pathway, it is the duty of the second respondent to remove the same by adopting due process of law. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4.This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

**(G.R.S. J.) & (R.P. J.)**  
**01.06.2026**

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