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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 01.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

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Abdul Vahaf

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.
- 2.The District Forest Officer,
Ramanathapuram Forest Range Division,
Ramanathapuram.
- 3.The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office, Kadaladi,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 4.The Executive Engineer,
Agricultural Engineering Department,
Ramanathapuram.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 18.03.2026 seeking permission to cut and remove dry and unproductive palm trees in the petitioner's patta land comprised in Survey Nos.199/2B4B and 199/3,



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situated at Iruveli Village, Kadaladi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District,
within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sabbanikarburajothi

For Respondents : Mr.M.Lingadurai
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The Writ Petition is filed seeking a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation and grant permission to cut and remove the dry and unproductive palm trees standing in the petitioner's patta lands.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner contends that some of the palm trees in the petitioner's land are dead, fallen and unproductive and therefore, it is necessary to cut and remove the same and plant alternative trees. Though the petitioner has submitted a representation in this regard, the same has not been considered and hence, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. When the matter came up for admission, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that



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palm trees, in general, cannot be termed as unproductive. However, if there are any dead, damaged or dried trees, the petitioner has to approach the appropriate Committee constituted as per G.O.(Ms) No.238, Agriculture - Farmers Welfare [Tho.Ka.1(2)] Department, dated 12.09.2025 and the Committee will pass appropriate orders.

4. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of on the following terms:

- i. The petitioner shall file an application before the District Collector, who is the President of the District Level Committee constituted as per G.O.(Ms) No.238, Agriculture - Farmers Welfare [Tho.Ka.1(2)] Department, dated 12.09.2025, in accordance with the procedure prescribed under the said G.O., within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a web copy of this order, without waiting for a certified copy.
- ii. Upon such application being filed, a report shall be called for from the Block Level Committee as per G.O.(Ms) No. 238, Agriculture - Farmers Welfare [Tho.Ka.1(2)]



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Department, dated 12.09.2025 and thereafter, appropriate

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orders shall be passed as expeditiously as possible.

iii. No costs.

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