



W.P(MD)No.13763 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 02.06.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Office of the Collectorate Building,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 2.The Sub Collector Cum Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Sub Collectorate Building,
Paramakudi Divisional,
Ramanathapuram District.
- 3.The Tahslidar,
Office of the Tahsildar,
Paramakudi Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

4.Karuppaiah

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 3 to remove the illegal encroachment made in Channel by the fourth respondent in the water bodies in



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Survey No.103/1,103/3 and 180 situated at Tholur village, Paramakudi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 03.06.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Yasar Arafath
For Respondents : Mr.M.P.Senthil
Government Advocate
for R.1 to R.3

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the writ petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3. Considering the nature of relief to be granted, issuance of notice to the fourth respondent is dispensed with.

2.It is not in dispute that the petition mentioned survey numbers have been classified as “water bodies”. It appears that they vest with the Public Works Department. The specific allegation of the petitioner is that the fourth respondent has constructed a house in a water body.

3.We direct the third respondent to conduct survey after issuing notice to the fourth respondent and other interested persons. It appears that the third respondent has already proposed to conduct survey on 14.06.2026. If the



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results of the survey indicate the existence of encroachments in the petition mentioned survey numbers, the same shall be removed by adhering to due process of law. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of four 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.] [B.P., J.]
02.06.2026

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