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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **03.02.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **DR.JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN**

W.P.(MD)Nos.14158 of 2023 & 16180 of 2024

and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.12005 and 17241 of 2023 and 13843 of 2024

W.P.(MD)No.14158 of 2023:

K.Kalimuthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector
cum Inspector of Panchayats,
Office of the District Collector,
Tirunelveli District.
- 2.The Assistant Director (Panchayats),
Office of the Assistant Director (Panchayats),
Tirunelveli District.
- 3.The Block Development Officer,
Manur Panchayat Union,
Tirunelveli District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Manur Taluk,
Tirunelveli District.
- 5.Pallikkottai Village Panchayat,
Represented by its President,
Pallikottai Village, Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents



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PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to forbear the respondents from constructing village Panchayat Secretariat or any other building in S.No. 104 & 107 of Alavanthankulam Village, Tirunelveli District and consequently direct the respondents herein to construct the Village Panchayat Secretariat in S.No.755/2 of Pallamadai Village, Pallikkottai Panchayat, Tirunelveli District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 13.05.2023

For Petitioner : Mr.V.B.Sundhareshwar
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar (R1 to R5)
Government Pleader

W.P.(MD)No.16180 of 2024:

Viyakappan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Land Administrative Commissioner,
Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai-600 005.
- 2.The District Collector
cum Inspector of Panchayats,
Office of the District Collector,
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- 3.The Assistant Director (Panchayats),
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- 4.The Commissioner,
Manur Panchayat Union,
Tirunelveli District.



5.The Block Development Officer,
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6.The Tahsildar,
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... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 29.04.2024 and 27.06.2024 and pass appropriate orders to construct the Village Panchayat Secretariat building for the seventh respondent panchayat in S.No.104 and 107 in Alavandhankulam Village, Tirunelveli within a time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Nallathambi
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar (R1 to R6)
Government Pleader
No Appearance (R7)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.**)

W.P.(MD)No.14158 of 2023 is filed to issue a writ of mandamus forbearing the respondent from constructing the Village Panchayat Secretariat building or any other building in Survey Nos.104



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and 107 of Alavandhankulam Village, Tirunelveli District. With a quite contrary prayer, W.P.(MD)No.16180 of 2024 is filed seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 19.04.2024 and 27.06.2024 and pass appropriate orders to construct the Village Panchayat Secretariat building in Survey Nos.104 and 107 of Alavandhankulam Village, Tirunelveli.

2.The two different writ petitions with conflicting prayer itself clearly indicate that there is a dispute in the village regarding the construction of the Village Panchayat Secretariat building in the subject property. The District Collector vide his proceedings dated 20.11.2024, considering the disputes, had dropped the proposal to put up the Village Panchayat Secretariat building in the above said property. The proceedings indicates that the proposed construction of Panchayat Secretariate Building at the cost of Rs.42.65 laksh, had been temporarily suspended.

3.The learned Additional Government Pleader states that the District Administration has taken the decision to find an alternative place for putting up the construction.



4. Recording the same, these writ petitions are dismissed.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

[G.J., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
03.02.2026

Index : Yes/No

Internet : Yes

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