



W.P.(MD)No.17793 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 24.03.2026

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

**W.P.(MD)No.17793 of 2021
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.14667, 14668 and 14669 of 2021**

Balasubramanian

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Tahsildhar,
Manachanallur Taluk,
Trichy District.

2.The Block Development Officer,
Manachanallur Panchayat,
Trichy District.

3.Karthick

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings in Na.Ka.No.T2/2790/2021



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dated 03.09.2021 and 20.09.2021 of the second respondent herein and
quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan

For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Addl. Government Pleader for R1 & R2.

ORDER

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

The petitioner challenges the impugned communication issued by the jurisdictional Block Development Officer. It is well settled that the jurisdictional Block Development Officer can only call upon an encroacher to vacate but cannot take any coercive measures against the encroacher. It is the jurisdictional Tahsildar who can take steps to remove the encroachment, if any. As and when the petitioner receives notice from the jurisdictional Tahsildar, the petitioner can raise all his contentions and defences. We make it clear that we have not gone into the merits of the matter.



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

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(G.R.S. J.) & (R.P. J.)
24.03.2026

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