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W.P.(MD)NO.17854 OF 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE R.POORNIMA

W.P.(MD)No.17854 of 2019

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.14323 of 2019

Yasothai

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
O/o.the District Collector,
Madurai District.
2. The Tahsildar,
O/o.the Tahsildar,
Melur Taluk, Madurai District.
3. The Block Development Officer,
Melur Panchayat Union,
Melur Taluk,
Madurai District.

4. S.K.Jeganathan

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records connected with the order passed by the third respondent in



Na.Ka.No.915/2018/Thi 1 dated 22.07.2019 and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Dr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Government Pleader.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The jurisdictional Block Development Officer had issued the impugned letter dated 22.07.2019 calling upon the petitioner to remove the encroachment in question. The Block Development Officer is entitled to call upon the noticee to remove the encroachment. If the encroacher fails to comply with the demand, the Block Development Officer cannot take any coercive action on his own. He has to report the matter to the jurisdictional Tahsildar to take action under the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905. As and when action is initiated under the said Act, the petitioner herein can place all her contentions before the authority concerned. With



the aforesaid clarification, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (R.POORNIMA, J.)

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No

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