



W.A.(MD) Nos.3276, 3277 & 3278 of 2025

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DATED : 06.01.2026

CORAM:

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

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and**

C.M.P.(MD) Nos.20482, 20483, 20484, 20485, 20486 & 20488 of 2025

W.P.(MD) No.3276 of 2025:

Vasanthamary

... Appellant

-vs-

- 1.A.G.Sankar
- 2.The District Collector
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- 3.The District Revenue Officer
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Dindigul District
- 4.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Revenue Divisional Office
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Dindigul East Taluk
Dindigul District

6.The Assistant Director of Survey &
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Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside the order, dated 15.02.2023, passed in W.P.(MD) No.19285 of 2022, on the file of this Court.

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COMMON JUDGMENT

[Judgment of the Court was made by DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.]

Learned counsel for the appellants submits that the Judgment dated 11.12.2025, passed by this Court in W.A.(MD) No.631 of 2024 and L.P.A.(MD) Nos.2 & 3 of 2024, covers the issue involved in the present writ appeals.

2. Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the official respondents conceded the above submission of the learned counsel for the appellants.

3. The Judgment dated 11.12.2025, passed by this Court in W.A.(MD) No.631 of 2024 and L.P.A.(MD) Nos.2 & 3 of 2024, reads as follows:

“The writ appeal in W.A(MD)No.631 of 2024 is directed against the order passed by the learned single Judge in W.P(md)No.19285 of 2022 vide order dated 15.02.2023.

2.The writ petition was filed seeking Mandamus to the second respondent to measure the land situated in S.Nos.11/2, 36/1, 34/1, 34/3 and 383/1,2 etc., at



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Vellodu Village, Dindigul and to issue separate joint holding and fix the meets and bounds in respect of the portion of the petitioner's share. The learned single Judge had passed the following order:

“2.The petitioner wants this Court to direct the fourth respondent to survey the petition mentioned lands and based on the survey result issue independent patta. The prayer is not contested by the respondents. They only seek time. The said request made by the respondents cannot be rejected. I direct the fourth respondent to complete survey of the petition mentioned lands within a period of five months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Based on the survey result, patta shall be issued in favour of the petitioner immediately thereafter.”

3.The writ appeal filed by the third parties/appellants stating that the writ petitioner is not the absolute owner of the land, he and others are the title holders. While so, without impleading him and others as party in the proceedings, the writ petitioner viz., A.G.Sankar had obtained an order behind the back to survey the land as well as to issue patta in favour of the petitioner.

4.This Court, on perusal of the impugned order,



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finds that it is patently illegal, since the transfer of patta without conducting enquiry is not permissible under law. Moreover, it has now been brought to the notice of this Court that there are other title holders, and the patta stands in their names. Therefore, the order of the learned single Judge is set aside in respect of issuing patta. It is brought to the notice of this Court that yet another third party, by name John Britto approached this Court by filing a writ petition in W.A(MD)No.2006 of 2023. The division bench of this Court, vide order, dated 22.11.2023, had relegated the parties to settle the title dispute by approaching the civil Court. As regards the survey of the land, it has been made clear that there is no impediment for the authorities to proceed. In other words, the Division Bench declined the relief of granting patta in favour of the writ petitioner. In order to maintain uniformity and judicial discipline, this Court, therefore, follows the judgment of the Division Bench passed in W.A.(MD) No.2006 of 2023 dated 22.11.2023, since the said order is applicable to all third parties, who have approached the Court either by way of appeal or LPA. Since it is a judgment in rem, the LPA.Nos.2 and 3 of 2024 are also allowed. No order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.”



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4. In line with the above Judgment dated 11.12.2025, passed by this Court in W.A.(MD) No.631 of 2024 and L.P.A.(MD) Nos.2 & 3 of 2024, the present writ appeals are allowed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[G.J., J.]

[K.K.R.K., J.]

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