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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.03.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

W.P.(MD)No.22367 of 2023
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.18644 of 2023

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... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The District Collector,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District.
- 2.The District Revenue Officer,
Office of the DRO,
Thanjavur District.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Pattukottai,
Thanjavur District.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Pattukottai Taluk,
Thanjavur District.
- 5.The Village Administrative Officer,
Adiramapattinam,
Thanjavur.



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6.The Superintendent of Police,
Thanjavur District,
Thanjavur.

7.The Inspector of Police,
Adiramapattinam Police Station,
Thanjavur District.

8.Kupaikani

9.Panchavaranam

10.Balasubramanian

11.Muthu

12.Karunanidhi

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 4 to permit the petitioner to enter the sea in sea shore and allow to fetching the fishes in the Adirampattinam sea shore, situated at Pattukottai Taluk, Thanjavur District, on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 11.07.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.B.Santhanam Rajesh Kumar

For R1 to R5 : Mr.P.Thambidurai
Government Advocate

For R6 and R7 : Mr.K.Gnanasekaran
Government Advocate (Criminal side)



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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking permission for the petitioner to enter the seashore and to carry on fishing activities at Adiramapattinam Seashore, situated in Pattukottai Taluk, Thanjavur District, based on the petitioner's representation dated 11.07.2023.

2. When the matter came up for hearing, the learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the official respondents submitted that the official respondents have no role in the matter and that they have not prevented the petitioner from entering the seashore. The allegations have been made only against the private respondents.

3. Though notice has been served on the private respondents, they have not chosen to defend the writ petition in any manner whatsoever. Therefore, the petitioner is at liberty to carry on his avocation at the site mentioned in the petition. If any private individual or group of persons exercises any extra-constitutional authority by preventing the petitioner from carrying on his avocation, it is open to the petitioner to lodge a complaint before the seventh



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respondent. Upon receipt of such complaint, the seventh respondent shall register a case, take appropriate action in accordance with law, and ensure protection to the petitioner to enable him to carry on his avocation.

4. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Neutral Citation : Yes / No
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