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W.P.(MD) No.4341 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.02.2026

CORAM:

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

**W.P.(MD) No.4341 of 2026
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.3622 of 2026**

R.Chelladurai

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The District Collector
Collector Office
Tenkasi District
- 2.The Registrar of Co-operative Society
Co-operative Society Office
170, N.V.N.Maaligai
Opposite to Ega Theatre
Keelpakkam, Chennai
- 3.The Joint Registrar of
Co-operative Society
Co-operative Society Office
Tenkasi District
- 4.The Deputy Registrar of
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For Petitioner : Mr.P.Shanmugam

For Respondents : Mr.J.Ashok
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1 to R4, R7 & R8
Mr.S.Manohar for R6

ORDER

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

A vast extent of land owned by the Arulmigu Kutralanathar Swamy Thirukovil – sixth respondent was leased out to the fifth respondent – Society. For default in paying the lease amount, the respondent – Temple has taken action for recovery of the lease amount as well as possession of the leased out property. Ultimately, through execution proceedings, the land has been recovered on 28.05.2025 pursuant to the Court directions. While so, under the guise of public interest litigation, one of the members of the fifth respondent – Society has filed this writ petition seeking a writ of mandamus directing the Assistant Commissioner of the said Temple to issue adaiyolai agreement to 167 agricultural members and to permit them to do agricultural activities.



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2. Mr.S.Manohar, learned counsel, who takes notice for the sixth respondent – Temple, submits that this writ petition, under the guise of public interest litigation, is filed by abusing the process of law. The petitioner, who is one of the members of the fifth respondent – Society, has no locus to file a public interest litigation to expose his personal right. However, the fifth respondent - Society, in which the petitioner herein is a member, has defaulted in paying the lease amount and therefore, the leased out property has been recovered by the Temple after following due process of law. While so, the petitioner, as a member of the fifth respondent – Society, has no independent right to re-agitate the cause after the fifth respondent – Society had lost it's possession over the property on termination of the lease.

3. In view of the above facts and circumstances of the case, we find that this public interest litigation is misconceived and also filed by suppressing the facts. Hence, we are not inclined to entertain this writ petition.



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4. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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

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NCC : Yes / No

Index : Yes / No

Internet : Yes / No

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- 5.The Revenue Court /
Special Deputy Collector,
Tirunelveli District.
- 6.The Tahsildar Officer,
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