



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 11-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 4232 of 2024

1. A.Sundaramurthy
S/o.Appasamymantri, 156, Arakkonam
Road Street, Ayarpadi Village And Post,
Nemili Taluk, Ranipet District. and 4
Others

2.Sakunthala
W/o.Raman, Ayarpadi Village And
Post, Nemili Taluk, Ranipet District.

3.Susila
W/o.Late Nandhagopal, Draupadi
Amman Koil Stret, Thengal Village,
Walaja Taluk, Ranipet District.

4.Kowsalya
W/o.Late Janakiraman, No.33/6
Dhanappa Street, Walaja Taluk,
Ranipet District.

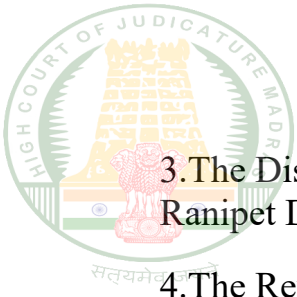
5.Anusuya
W/.Late Thulasiraman, Draupadi
Amman Koil Street, Thengal Village,
Walaja Taluk, Ranipet District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner And Secretary To
Government Of Tamilnadu,
Agricultural Department, Fort St.
George, Chennai 9.

2.The District Collector
Ranipet District, Ranipet.



3.The District Revenue Officer
Ranipet District, Ranipet.

4.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Ranipet District, Ranipet.

5.The Special Tahsildar
(land Acquisition) State Seed Farm,
Navaloc, Ranipet District.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, Directing the respondents to handover possession of the lands comprised in new survey no. 70/5 Navaloc village having extent of 9 acres 32 cents along with the payment of arrears of lease amount from the year 2013 to till date with in a stipulated time.

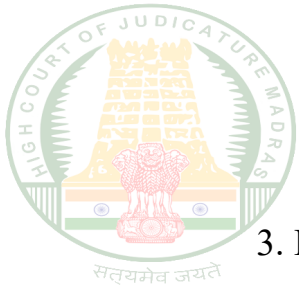
For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.P.Prabakaran

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.Gowthamaraj, GA

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents to handover the possession of subject lands along with the payment of arrears of lease amount from the year 2013 till date.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that in this case, the respondents are in enjoyment of the petitioner's subject lands. However, the lease amount for the said subject land was not paid by the respondents from the year 2013 till date.

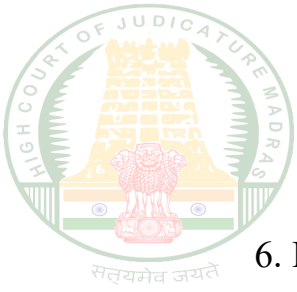


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3. Further, he would submit that during an earlier occasion, a writ petition in WP.No.21285 of 2002 was filed by the petitioner for the very same subject matter and the same was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 28.10.2005 with a direction to the respondents to release the properties and to handover the possession of the subject land to the petitioners. Against the said order, a writ appeal in WA.No.1121 of 2006 was filed by the respondents and the same was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 17.10.2006 with a direction to the respondents to pay the compensation for the period from 1988 till the date of acquisition. In spite of the said direction, the respondents had neither paid the compensation/lease amount (from the year 2013) nor acquired the subject land. Hence, this petition.

4. In reply, the learned counsel for the respondent would fairly submit that in this case, the lease arrear was not paid from the year 2013 and the same will be paid within the time limit fixed by this Court. Further, he would submit that now, the respondents are under the process of acquiring the subject lands. Hence, he requests this Court to pass appropriate orders.

5. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the respondents and also perused the entire materials available on record.



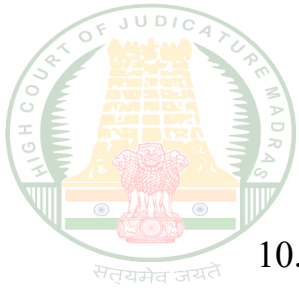
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6. In the case on hand, the petitioner, being the owner of the subject lands, had leased out the said lands to the respondent. There is no dispute on the aforesaid aspect. When such being the case, the respondents are duty bound to pay the lease rent without any default. If there is any default on the part of the respondent in payment of lease rent, certainly, they are not entitled to continue the lease at the said property.

7. In the present case, admittedly, the lease amount was not paid by the respondent from the year 2013 till date. In such case, as rightly contended by the petitioner, the respondents are supposed to have vacate the subject lands and handover the same to the petitioner.

8. In view of the above, this Court grants a period of 4 weeks to the respondent to pay the entire lease rent arrear, for the year from 2013 to 2025, within a period of 4 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, failing which, the respondents shall handover the possession of the subject land to the petitioners within a period of one week from the date of expiry of aforesaid time limit granted by this Court.

9. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No cost.



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10. Post on 20.04.2026 for reporting compliance.

11. After the passing of above order, at 4.45 pm, the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent had mentioned before this Court with regard to the pendency of writ appeal, in WA.No.2391 of 2023, before the Hon'ble First Bench, which was filed for the dispute pertaining to the title of subject land.

12. In view of the above submission, this Court directs the respondents to comply with the directions issued by this Court at paragraph No.8 of this order, subject to the outcome of aforesaid writ appeal.

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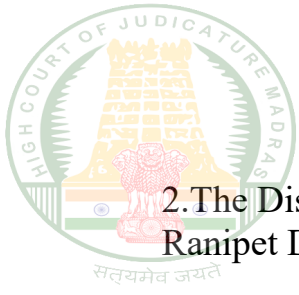
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