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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.02.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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M.Vignesh

: Petitioner

versus

- 1.The Principal Secretary,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Head Office, Chennai-600009.
- 2.Senior Director,
Rural Development and Directorate of Panchayat Raj,
Panagal House, Chennai-600015
- 3.The Assistant Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Adyar Basin Division,
St.Thomas Mount, Chennai 16
- (R-3 cause title substituted vide order dated 18.06.2025)
- 4.The District Collector,
District Collector's Office,
Thiruvallur-602001.
- 5.The Chief Executive Engineer,
PWD Kosasthalayaru
Watershed Division, Tiruvallur-602001.
- 6.The Block Development Officer,
Poonamallee Village Panchayat,
Poonamallee, Chennai-600056.

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7.The Commissioner of Police
Avadi Commissionerate, Avadi

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(R-7 suo motu impleaded vide order dated
18.06.2025)

: Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to conduct inspection and to take appropriate legal action to remove the garbage waste in Panavedu lake, Poonamallee Taluk, Thiruvallur District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 14.02.2024 within a time period.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Venkatesh
for Mr.K.Bhuvaneshwaran

For Respondents : Mr.M.Habeeb Rahman,
Government Advocate,
for respondents 1 to 6

Mr.E.Raj Thilak,
Additional Public Prosecutor,
for respondent No.7

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This Public interest litigation seeks issuance of a direction to the respondents for making appropriate arrangement for dumping of solid waste generated in Panavedu village and also to take appropriate legal action towards removal of garbage waste in Panavedu lake.



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2. We have gone through the petition, affidavit and counter-affidavit, which have been placed on record.

3. It appears that the residents of the area are dumping garbage around Panavedu lake either because there does not exist a garbage disposal area or that the people largely lack civic sense.

4. We direct the District Collector, Thiruvallur, to issue necessary directives to the village panchayat concerned, to ensure

(i) preparation of garbage dumping yard, if not already prepared by the village panchayat, at a suitable place;

(ii) action to be taken against those who are dumping garbage/wastes on the banks of Panavedu lake.

5. The affidavit shows that some fencing has been done and CCTV camera has also been installed. But that would not be a permanent solution.



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5.1. The residents of Panavedu Village need to be properly sensitised. The panchayat shall create an awareness programme in the said area, informing everybody that dumping of garbage around the lake will adversely affect the purity of the lake water. It is in public interest that the lake water should remain pure and clean.

6. The petitioner or anyone, who finds someone dumping garbage, shall report the same to the concerned police station and the police shall take appropriate action against them.

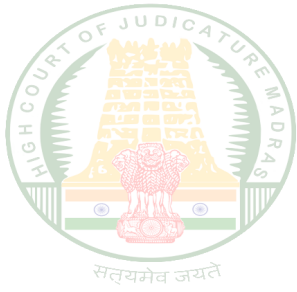
7. Moreover, the District Collector shall also direct appropriate monitoring mechanism at the local area to ensure compliance of the direction, by entrusting monitoring activity to an officer or committee of the village panchayat.

8. The petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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