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W.P.No.15098 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.04.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

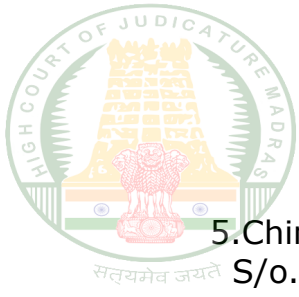
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Chandra Sekaran
S/o.P.Chinnavedi
Krishnapalayam,
Shoolagiri Taluk,
Krishnagiri-635 117.

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The District Collector
Krishnagiri District.
- 2.The Tahsildar
Shoolagiri Taluk, Hosur,
Krishnagiri District.
- 3.The Executive Engineer
Water Resources Department
Upper Pennayar Basin Division,
Hosur.
- 4.The Assistant Engineer
Water Resources Department
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5.Chinnaiyyan
S/o.Munisamy

6.Nagaraj
S/o.Kannappan

7.Jeyaraman
S/o.Rajappa

8.Murugesan
S/o.Rajappa

9.Mani
S/o.Rajappa

10.Nagaraj
S/o.Arunachalam

11.Duraisamy
S/o.Venkatesh

12.Amaravathi
S/o.Govindan

13.Varadaraj
S/o.Chinnathangam

14.Raman
S/o.Vediyappan

15.Lakshmanan
S/o.Vediyappan

16.Vediyappan
S/o.Chinnavedi

17.Munisamy
S/o.Chinnavedi

18.Nagaraj
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19.Krishnan
S/o.Chinnavedi

20.Munisamy @ Periyathambi
S/o.Periyavedi

Respondents 5 to 20
residing at, Shoolagiri Village,
Shoolagiri Taluk, Hosur,
Krishnagiri District- 635117.

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondent Nos.3 and 4 herein to remove the encroachments made by respondents 5-20 in the lands in S.F.Nos.99/1, 104 and 105 situated in Shoolagiri Village, Shoolagiri Taluk, Krishnagiri District as per the report of the 2nd respondent in Na.Ka.420/2025/A1 dated 08.03.2025 within the time period to be stipulated by this Hon'ble court.

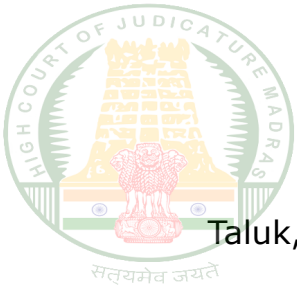
For Petitioner: Mr.Siddarth Sridhar

For Respondents: Mr. K.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate
for R1 to R4

ORDER

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

This writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeks a direction to respondent Nos.3 and 4 to remove the encroachments made by respondent Nos.5 to 20 in the lands in S.F.Nos.99/1, 104 and 105 situated in Shoolagiri Village, Shoolagiri



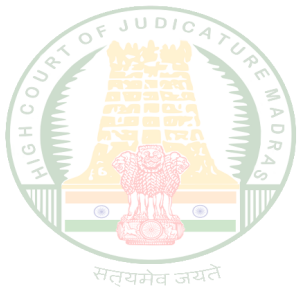
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Taluk, Krishnagiri District as per the report of the second respondent dated 8.3.2025.

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2. The case of the petitioner is that, as per the revenue records, S.F.No.99/1 is classified as Grama Natham and S.F.Nos.104 and 105 are classified as Vari Poramboke (waterbody). The private respondents have encroached upon the said lands. In this regard, the petitioner has submitted a representation to the District Collector on 23.12.2024 seeking action for removal of encroachments made by the private respondents. Pursuant to the representation, the Tahsildar, by a communication dated 8.3.2025, directed respondents 3 and 4 to remove the private respondents from the subject lands. Despite the above said proceedings, no effective action has been taken by the respondents. Hence, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3. From the records, it is seen that only Survey Nos.104 and 105 are waterbody. A survey has been conducted by the Tahsildar, Soolagiri and encroachers have been identified and list has also been sent to the Water Resources Department to initiate action against the encroachers.



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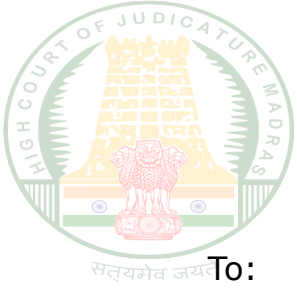
4. At this juncture, learned State counsel submitted that the encroachments identified on the waterbody shall be removed after following due process of law.

5. Recording the statement made by learned State counsel, we dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondent authorities to remove the encroachments made on the waterbody in question, after following due process of law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. As the petitioner has restricted his prayer only with regard to encroachments on water body in S.F.Nos.104 and 105, we are not issuing any direction in respect of S.F.No.99/1, which is classified as grama natham.

There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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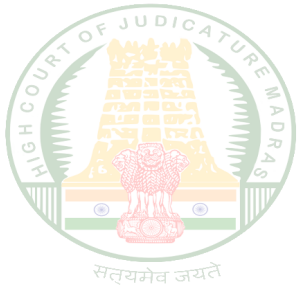


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