



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 21965 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 24720 OF 2025, WMP NO. 24721 OF 2025, WP NO. 22380 OF 2025, WMP NO. 25189 OF 2025, WMP NO. 25190 OF 2025, WMP NO. 56043 OF 2025

Dr.R.Chandrasekaran

S/o.K.Rajappa, Old No.50, New No. 110, Samy
Pillai Street, Choolai, Chennai- 112.

..Petitioner(s)

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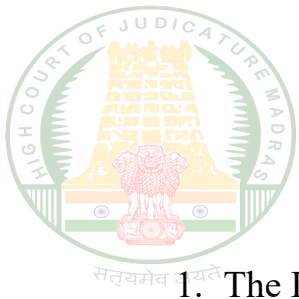
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2. The District Revenue Officer
Chengalpattu , Chengalpattu District.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Madhuranthagam, Chengalpattu District.
4. The Tahsildar
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5. Arungunam S.Vinayagam,
Dr.Ambedkar Nagar, Arungunam Village And
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District - 603 306. (r5 Impleaded Vide Order
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WP No. 22380 of 2025

L.Saravanakumar

S/o. Late S. Lakshmanan, No.9, 2nd Main Road,
Good Will Nagar, Old Perungalathur,
Kanchipuram District. -600 063



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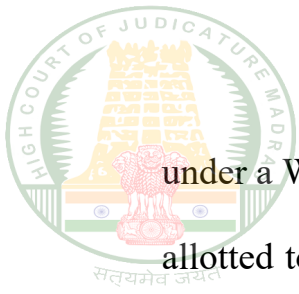
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For Petitioner(s) in both petitions: Mr.M.Vijayakumar

For Respondent(s) in both petitions: Ms.Inthu Karunakaran, Government Counsel for R1 to R4
Mr.A.Karthi Keyan for R5

Order

The learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the property in Old S.F. No. 124A, New S.F. Nos. 124A/14, 124A/12, 124A/13, and 124A/11, situated at Sirunallur Village, Madurantakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District, is classified as “Meikkal Poramboke”. The Government of Tamil Nadu had allotted free agricultural land to landless poor people from various communities

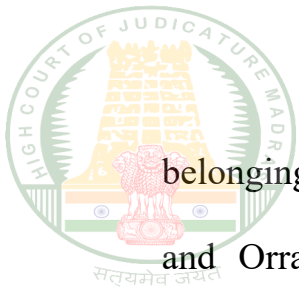


under a Welfare Scheme during the year 1985. The above-mentioned lands were allotted to landless Scheduled Caste people by way of an allotment order dated 31.01.1985, without any conditions.

2. When the matter stood thus, the petitioners herein purchased the subject lands vide registered Sale Deeds either from the original allottees or through their legal heirs. The petitioners also belong to the Scheduled Caste community, and initially, patta was also transferred to their names. While so, upon a complaint from the 5th respondent herein, the 3rd respondent cancelled the patta. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioners are before this Court.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioners further submitted that the said lands were *punjai tharisu* (dry wasteland), and based on possession, patta was granted to the original pattadars, who subsequently sold their properties. There was no assignment of any land with conditions to the pattadars. In the absence of any conditional assignment, there is no violation on the part of the original pattadars in selling their land. He further submitted that a violation of assignment conditions arises only in the event of an assignment, whereas the present property is not an assigned land.

4. *Per contra*, the learned counsel for the 5th respondent submitted that in 1985, the Government allotted conditional lands to landless poor people



belonging to the SC/ST communities in Sirunallur, Madura Mudugarai, Akili, and Orrathur Villages within Madurantakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District.

These lands were illegally alienated and acquired by non-SC/ST individuals in absolute violation of the law. These properties were conditional lands assigned specifically to SC/ST persons. Though the opposite party claims to belong to the SC community, the legal position remains unchanged. The conditions of the assignment patta clearly state that lands assigned to the SC community can only be alienated to another SC individual after obtaining prior permission from the Government. Furthermore, it is to be noted that the petitioners did not purchase these lands directly from the original SC beneficiaries. In light of these violations, the action taken by the Revenue Divisional Officer, Madurantakam, in cancelling the pattas and reversing the illegal land mutations is completely lawful.

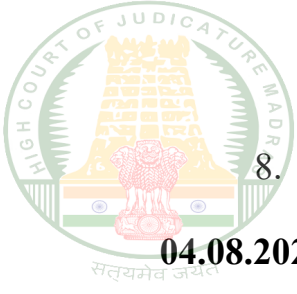
5. The learned Government Counsel appearing for the official respondents 1 to 4 submitted that on the complaint of the 5th respondent, a detailed enquiry was conducted. It revealed that the lands covered by the complaint were not "Panchami lands" at all, but were lands assigned to the poor and downtrodden people of other communities as well, including people from the Adi-Dravidar community. However, the enquiry and examination revealed that the assignees of the lands sold the assigned lands to third parties after the conditional period of ten years had elapsed, but did so without obtaining prior



permission from the 3rd respondent as required under the Revenue Standing Orders (RSO). Hence, the 3rd respondent, vide the impugned order, cancelled the assignments granted to the original assignees as well as the pattas held by the present pattadars, including the writ petitioners.

6. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials on record.

7. It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioners that there was no assignment, and based on the possession of the land, the patta was granted for *punjai* land; therefore, the question of assignment would not arise at all. However, while the counsel for the 5th respondent and the learned Government Counsel for the official respondents relied on the assignment granted to the original assignees, they failed to produce the Assignment Deeds originally granted in favour of the original assignees. Further, since it is the specific contention of the 5th respondent that it is an assigned land, it is the duty of the 5th respondent to produce the Assignment Deed. Accordingly, they pray for a short accommodation to produce the same.



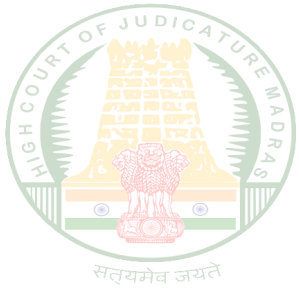
8. For production of the Assignment Deeds, post the matter on **04.08.2026 immediately after admission**. In the event that no copies are furnished, appropriate orders will be passed on merits and in accordance with law.

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