



W.P.Nos.33587 & 33593 of 2019

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-01-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

W.P.Nos.33587 & 33593 of 2019

and

W.M.P.Nos.34052, 34055, 34061 & 34062 of 2019

1.A.Varunraj
2.S.Sivanesan

... Petitioner in W.P.No.33587 of 2019
... Petitioner in W.P.No.33593 of 2019

Vs.

1.State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by its Secretary to Government,
Department of Revenue,
Fort.St.George, Chennai – 9. & 3 Others

... Respondents in both Wps

For Petitioner	:	Mr.B.Janakiram
(in both WPs)		
For Respondents	:	Mr.C.Jayaprakash
(in both WPs)		Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioners have challenged the impugned order, cancelling the assignment in these writ petitions.

2. The assignment order was executed in the year 1983, but the same has been cancelled only through the impugned order passed in the year 2016. the petitioners contend that subsequent to the assignment, developments have taken place over the properties and the properties have also changed hands and the



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petitioners are the purchasers of one of the plots in the layout. The petitioners have purchased the properties in the year 2012 and 2014 respectively.

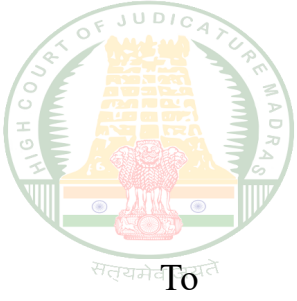
3. In the counter filed by the respondents before this Court, the respondents have not stated as to why there has been an inordinate delay of 32 years in cancelling the assignment for violation of condition of the transfer stipulated in the assignment. According to the respondents, the assignment order stipulates that there will be no transfer of the properties, within a period of 10 years from the date of the assignment. According to the respondents, since the said condition was violated, the impugned order came to be passed, cancelling the assignment.

4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents is directed to produce the authorities before this Court on the next hearing date to substantiate his contention that, despite the inordinate delay, assignment can be cancelled at any point of time for violation of any of the conditions of the assignment.

5. Post these matters on 13.02.2026.

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- 1.The Secretary to Government,
Department of Revenue,
Fort.St.George, Chennai – 9.
- 2.The District Collector,
Tiruvannamalai.
- 3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Tiruvannamalai – 606 601.
- 4.The Tahsildar,
Tiruvannamalai – 606 601.



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