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WP No.44652 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WMP No. 49805 of 2025

IN

WP NO. 44652 OF 2025

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Ex.President,Fmr-30 Sarvoiputhur

Ulanattu Meenavar,Co.Operative

Society Ltd,Sarvoipost,Thalaivasal

Taluk,Salem District 636121

Petitioner(s)

Vs

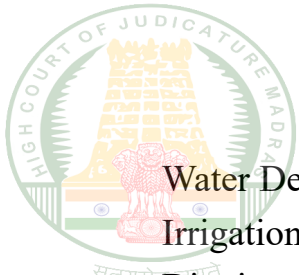
1. The Government Of Tamilnadu
Rep By Its Secretary,Government of
Tamilnadu,Water Resources
Department,Fort St.George,
Chennai 600 009.

2.The Commissioner Of Fisheries,
Nandanam, Chennai 600 035

3.The District Collector,
Salem District.

4.The Executive Engineer
Public Works Department (wrd),
Sarabanga Vadinila Kottam, Salem.

5.The Assistant Engineer,



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Water Development Department,
Irrigation Division, Thalaivasal, Salem
District.

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6.The Assistant Director Of Fisheries
Mettur Dam, Salem District.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): S.Senthilnathan
S.Shanmugasundaram
D.Prasanth-ms/806/2018
S.Gopinath
M.Sangamithirai

For Respondent: Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, GA



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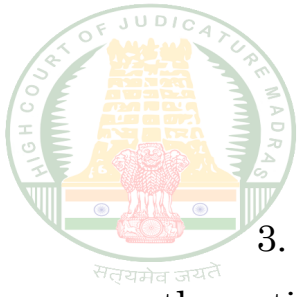
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ORDER

Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai, learned Government Advocate takes notice for the respondents.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner society is registered under the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act. The Government of Tamil Nadu, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department issued G.O.No.332 dated 17.11.1993, directing the authorities to give first priority in fishing rights to the fishermen society and auctioning of the fishing rights should be resorted to only if no co-operative society of fishermen are not willing to take up the lease. He would further submit that in similar Writ Petitions in W.P.No.6819 of 2023 etc.batch, this Court vide order dated 21.06.2023, directed the respondents to give lease of fishing rights to the fishermen society therein and the same has been confirmed by the Division Bench of this Court. However, contrary to the order of this Court, dated 21.06.2023, the 5th respondent has passed the impugned order dated 28.10.2025, resorting to public auction regarding to the lease of fishing rights in respect of Sarvoiputhur Big Lake. Hence, the learned counsel for the petitioner seeks interim relief.



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3. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the view that the petitioner has made out *prima facie* case. Hence, there shall be an order of interim stay. Notice.

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