



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

W.P No. 1297 of 2026

Prabakaran

Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector
Collectorate, Chengalpattu District.
- 2.The Block Development Officer,
Kattankulathur Block Development Office,
Kattankulathur Panchayat Union,
Chengalpattu District.
- 3.The Tahsildar
Chengalpattu Taluk, Chengalpattu District.
- 4.The President
Keerapakkam Village Panchayat,
Kattankulathur Panchayat Union,
Chengalpattu District.

Respondent(s)

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents either remove the illegally laid canal/channel and restore the land to its original condition, or initiate land acquisition proceedings and pass award by determining just and fair compensation under the Right to fair compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition , Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 for the land bearing Plot No. 92



comprised in Old survey Nos. 44/1, 45/2 and 46 , measuring an extent of 1688 sq.ft situated at Thirumurugan Nagar, Murugamangalam Village, Keerapakkam Village panchayat, Kattankulathur Panchayat union, Chengalpattu Taluk and district and to pay compensation within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner: Mr.R.Ragavendran

For Respondents: Mr.N.Naveenkumar
Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioner is the owner of the portion of the property situated in old Survey Nos.44/1, 45/2 and 46 of Thirumurgan Nagar, Murugamangalam Village, Keerapakkam Village Panchayat, Kattankulathur Panchayat Union, Chengalpattu Taluk & District. The grievance of the petitioner is that the 2nd respondent had laid a culvert over his property to an extent of 1688 sq.ft, out of total extent of 2938 sq.ft. He has called upon the respondents either to remove the culvert or to pay compensation as per the Land Acquisition Laws.

3. Mr.N.Naveenkumar, took notice on behalf of the respondents 1 to 4. I called upon him to instruct the 3rd respondent to conduct survey of the aforesaid property and to demarcate the holdings of the petitioner and to find out whether the culvert has been constructed over the petitioner's property.



4. When the matter was taken up today, Mr.N.Naveenkumar, has filed status report of the 2nd respondent. The same is scanned and extracted hereunder:

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Mannurpet,
Padi, Chennai – 600 050.

... Petitioner

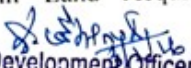
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... Respondents

STATUS REPORT FILED BY THE 2ND RESPONDENT

1. It is respectfully submitted that the above Writ Petition has been filed to issue writ, order or direction more particularly a Writ in the nature of Writ of Mandamus direction the Respondents either remove the illegally laid canal / channel and restore the land to its original condition, or initiate land acquisition proceedings and pass award by determining just and fair compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition,


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Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 for the land bearing Plot No.92 comprised in Old Survey Nos. 44/1, 45/2 and 46, measuring an extent of 1688 sq.ft situated at Thirumurugan Nagar, Murugamangalam Village, Keerapakkam Village Panchayat, Kattankulathur Panchayat Union, Chengalpattu Taluk & District, within the time stipulated by this Hon'ble Court and pass such further or other orders.

2. It is humbly submitted that on 21.01.2026 when the above Writ Petition was listed before this Hon'ble Court for hearing, this Hon'ble Court observed that,

"3. Mr.N.Naveenkumar, states that the 3rd respondent shall survey the area and submit a report to this Court as to whether the culvert runs over the petitioner's property or it lies entirely within the Government holdings."

3. It is respectfully submitted that, subsequent to the inspection and verification conducted by the field level authorities pursuant to the order of this Hon'ble Court dated 21.01.2026, the 2nd Respondent has undertaken an administrative review of the alignment of the culvert and channel.
4. It is respectfully submitted that, upon such review, the 2nd Respondent shall, without prejudice to its rights and contentions and to resolve the grievance of the Petitioner, remove the culvert and channel constructed in the Petitioner's subject land to an extent of approximately 979 sq.ft and to restore and hand over the said portion of land to the Petitioner.
5. In the above circumstances, the 2nd Respondent respectfully submits this Status Report for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble Court and prays that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to take the Status


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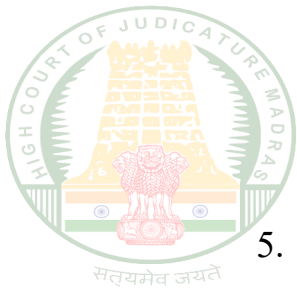
Report and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

Dated at Chennai on this 03rd January, 2026.

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5. A perusal of the same shows that the 2nd respondent has agreed to remove the culvert constructed over the petitioner's land to an extent of 979 sq.ft. and restore and handover the same to the petitioner.

6. Mr.Naveenkumar states that needful will be done within two weeks.
The said statement is recorded.

7. The Writ Petition is ordered accordingly. No costs.

8. Post 'For Reporting Compliance' on **18.02.2026**.

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