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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 443 of 2026

R.Arivazhagan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Principal Secretary,
Environmental, climate Change and Forest
Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai- 600 009.
2. The Principal Secretary
Water Resources Department,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai- 600 009.
3. The Principal Secretary
Public Works Department,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai- 600 009.
4. The District Collector
Coimbatore-641 018.
5. The Revenue Divisional Officer
Pollachi Taluk Office campus,
Pollachi,
Coimbatore District.
6. The Tahsildar
Taluk office,
Coimbatore.
7. The Assistant Engineer
Aliyar Basin Sub-Division,
Pollachi,



Coimbatore-3.

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..Respondent(s)

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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India issuing writ of mandamus directing the respondents No.4 to 7 to take necessary action on the encroachers for damaging the PAP water Supply channel and Sluice No 2 situated in survey No.276 in Karumpalayam Village, Pollachi Taluk at Coimbatore district and to restore the PAP Supply Channel and Sluice No.2 situated in the said Survey numbers to its normal usable condition for the benefit of carrying agricultural activities and ground water resource.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.U.Pressanna

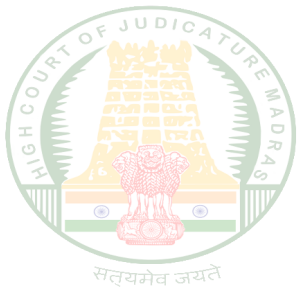
For Respondent(s): Mr. T. Arun Kumar
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

With reference to the relief sought for in the present writ petition seeking direction to the respondents 4 to 7 for removal of encroachers for damaging the PAP water Supply channel and Sluice No 2 situated in survey No.276 in Karumpalayam Village, Pollachi Taluk at Coimbatore district and to restore the PAP Supply Channel and Sluice No.2 situated in the said Survey numbers to its normal usable condition for the benefit of carrying agricultural activities and ground water resource.

2. The Assistant Engineer, Aliyar Basin Sub-Division, Pollachi filed a status report. The relevant paragraphs are extracted hereunder,



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8. *It is humbly submitted that the petitioner had already submitted a Chief Minister Cell petition in this regard and in response the Water Resources Department has already addressed the concerned Revenue Authorities requesting necessary survey and appropriate action duly mentioning that it is a field bothie dispute vide.*

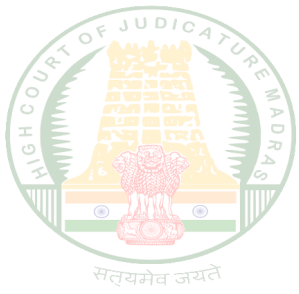
i) Assistant Executive Engineer, Aliyar Basin Sub division, Pollachi Letter No: 173 M/ F 36/2025 dated: 11.11.2025 addressed to the petitioner R.Arivazhagan.

ii) Assistant Executive Engineer, Aliyar Basin Sub division, Pollachi Letter No: 16 M/F 36/2026 dated 05.02.2026 addressed to Tahsildar/Pollachi.

The copies of letters are submitted for the Hon'ble Court's Kind consideration.

9. *It is respectfully submitted that the field bothie disputes in Survey Field No.276, Kurumbapalayam Village, Pollachi Taluk, Coimbatore District pertains to patta land and requires resolution under the Field Bothie Act 1959 by the Revenue Authority. The Water Resources Department has no direct role in boundary fixation or restoration within patta land and we have already furnished the above ground details.*

10. *I humbly submit that the canal portion in dispute*



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is an earthen channel (i.e) Field Bothie and no structural alteration under the control of this department has been found damaged and this Arani Vaikkal dispute is to be resolved by the Revenue department only under Field Bothies Act, 1959. I most humbly submit that the disputes referred above are only related with Field Bothies Act, 1959.”

3. In view of the report, no further adjudication is required. However, if any other grievance exist to the petitioner regarding usage of water from the canal or alternation or otherwise, he is at liberty to file a complaint before the competent authority for redressal of his grievance.

4. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, are closed.

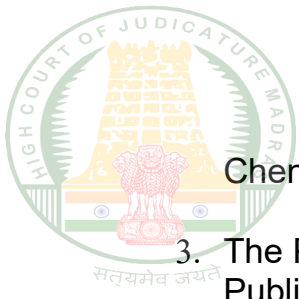
(S.M.S.,J.) (K.S.,J.)
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Speaking/Non-speaking order
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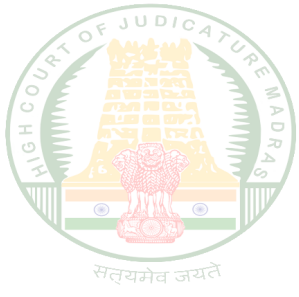
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