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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **16.04.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**

AND

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

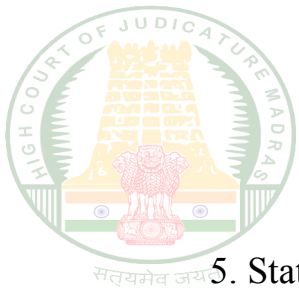
W.P.(MD)No.296 of 2026

1.S.Chellamuthu
2.Selvarani

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. State rep. By
The District Collector / Monitoring Committee,
Collectorate Campus,
Dindigul.
2. State Rep. by
The District Revenue Officer,
Collectorate Complex,
Dindigul.
3. State Rep. By
The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Office of the Revenue Divisional Office,
Palani, Dindigul District.
4. State Rep. By
The Tahsildar,
Office of Tahsildar,
Oddanchatram Taluk,
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5. State Rep. By
The Block Development Officer (ADO),
Panchayat Union,
Oddanchatram Taluk,
Dindigul District.

6. Rathinasamy

7. Veluthai

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to direct the respondents 4 and 5 to survey the pathway and remove the encroachment by the respondents 6 and 7 in S.No.577/45 (which is a natham paroboke) Srirengagoundenpudhur, Thangachiammapatti Village, Oddanchatram Taluk, Dindigul District within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.V.Muthumani

For Respondents : Mr.S.P.Maharajan,
Spl. Govt. Pleader for R1 to R4
Mr.J.Ashok,
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R5
Mr.D.Venkatesh for R6 & R7

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

The petitioners have filed this Writ Petition seeking a direction to the respondents 1 to 3 to direct the respondents 4 and 5 to survey the

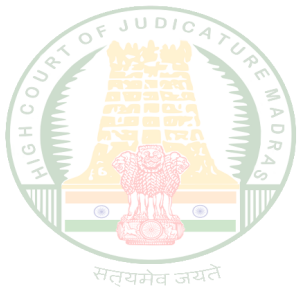


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pathway and remove the encroachment by the respondents 6 and 7 in S.No.577/45 (which is a natham paroboke) Srirengagoundenpudhur, Thangachiammapatti Village, Oddanchatram Taluk, Dindigul District within the time frame fixed by this Court.

2. According to the petitioners, respondents 6 and 7 have encroached upon the subject property, which is classified as natham poramboke land, by laying a cement road and putting up a temporary shed, thereby obstructing access to the pathway. In this regard, the petitioners have also submitted a representation to respondents 1 to 4 seeking removal of the said encroachment. However, no action has been taken till date. Hence, the petitioners have filed the present writ petition

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondents 1 to 4, on instructions, would submit that the encroachment has already been identified and notice under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905, has been issued. He further submitted that after the notice was issued, the encroachers removed the encroachment themselves and he has produced a photograph to that effect.



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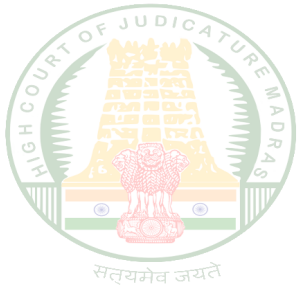
4. However, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners disputed the said submission.

5. In view of the above, taking note of the fact that notice has already been issued under Section 7 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905, this Court directs the 4th respondent to conduct a survey and if any encroachment is found to still exist, to remove the same by issuing notice under Section 6 of the Tamil Nadu Land Encroachment Act, 1905, after affording due opportunity to the private respondents. The aforesaid exercise shall be completed within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of.
There shall be no order as to costs.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
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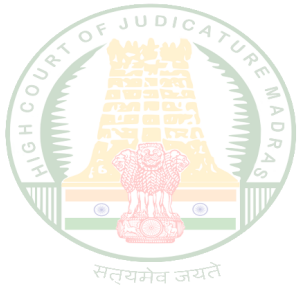
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