

W.P(MD)No.1430 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 10.07.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY**

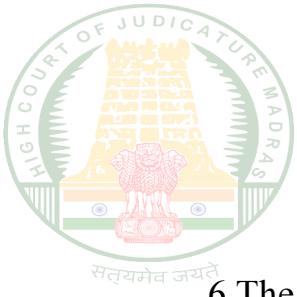
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and
W.M.P.(MD)No.1137 of 2026

A.Kottaimuthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk, Chennai.
- 3.The Director,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC),
No.293, M.K.N.Road, Alandur,
Chennai 600 016.
- 4.The Superintendent of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC),
No.165-G, Azhagar Kovil Main Road,
Madurai.
- 5.The District Collector,
Ramanathapuram District.



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6.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Ramanathapuram District.

7.The Tahsildar,
R.S.Mangalam Taluk,
Ramanathapuram District.

8.The District Adi Dravidar Welfare Officer,
Adi Dravidar Welfare Department,
Ramanathapuram District.

9.The Block Development Officer,
R.S.Mangalam Union,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to conduct enquiry and to take action against the erring officials in the process of sanction and construction of Taluk office building R.S.Mangalam Taluk, Ramanathapuram District without access and direct the respondents to complete the construction of compound wall, with amenities for Kailasumidhram Adi Dravidar colony burial ground situate in Survey No.3/1A measuring about 0.09.05 ares and Survey No.3A2 measuring about 0.05.15 ares in Villadivagai Revenue Group R.S.Manalam Taluk, Ramanathapuram District as per the work order issued by the 9th respondent dated 22.07.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.V.Panner Selvam

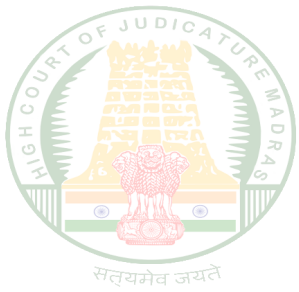
For Respondents : Mr.M.S.Parthiban,
Govt. Advocate for R1, R2 and R5 to R9.
Mr.I.Murugesan,
Govt. Advocate (Crl. Side) for R3 & R4.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was delivered by G.R.Swaminathan, J.)

Heard both sides.

2.The writ petitioner belongs to scheduled caste (Arunthathiyar) community. He hails from Kailasamuthiram Colony, R.S.Mangalam Taluk. The said taluk was carved out of Thiruvadanai Taluk in the year 2018. The taluk office building was functioning from a rental building. The district administration started constructing a new taluk office building in R.S.Mangalam in S.No.272/3. The land appears to have been gifted by a layout promoter. The taluk office building has since been constructed and it has also been declared open on 14.06.2026.



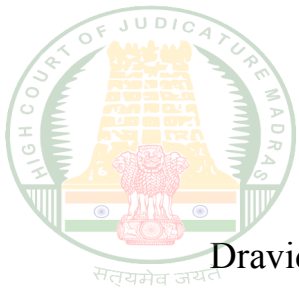
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3.Only after the construction was completed, the higher officials noticed that the office does not have access from the main road. The local officials sought to create a pathway through a burial ground meant for Adi Dravidar Community. This gave rise to some controversy. Peace committee meeting was convened. But in January 2026 itself, this writ petition came to be filed.

4.After hearing the learned counsel on either side, we are more than satisfied in respect of the following factual aspects: (a) the taluk office building was constructed on a land gifted by a private individual; (b) the district administration does not appear to have issued any notification calling for such a land donation from the general public; (c) the person who had donated the land is having lands in the vicinity and his donation appears to be with an intention to secure appreciation of land value.

5.Admittedly, the donated land did not have a pathway. The pathway has now been carved out of a burial ground meant for Adi Dravidar community. The moot question is whether a land meant for Adi



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Dravidar community can be put to use for other purposes. We are satisfied that the issue calls for a deeper probe. We, therefore, direct the third respondent to look into the writ petitioner's complaint and take appropriate action as per law. We make it clear that the observations made above are only tentative in nature and they would not be considered as foreclosing the defenses which the officials may probably have.

6.This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(G.R.S. J.,) & (S.S.Y. J.,)
10.07.2026

NCC : Yes/No
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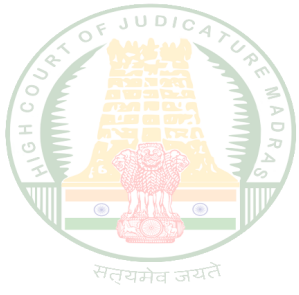
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