

WP(MD) No.293



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 02-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP(MD) NO. 2938 of 2026 &

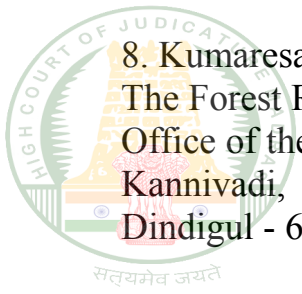
W.M.P.(MD)No.2425 of 2026

K.Gunaseelan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
Collectorate,
Dindigul District.
2. The Forest Settlement Officer,
Dindigul,
Dindigul District.
3. The District Forest Officer,
Dindigul Division,
Dindigul District - 624 004.
4. The Forest Range Officer (Ranger),
Office of the Range Officer,
Kannivadi,
Dindigul - 624 101.
5. The Divisional Forest Officer,
Social Forest Division,
Dindigul District - 624 005.
6. The Forester,
Kannivadi Section Forest,
Dindigul - 624 705.
7. The Tahsildar,
Office of the Tahsildar,
Dindigul West Taluk,
Dindigul District - 624 622.



8. Kumaresan,
The Forest Range Officer (Ranger),
Office of the Range Officer,
Kannivadi,
Dindigul - 624 101.

9. Peter,
The Forester,
Kannivadi Section Forest,
Dindigul - 624 705.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr. Isaac Mohanlal, senior counsel
Assisted by Mr. K. Ragatheesh Kumar
for M/s Isaac Chambers

For Respondent(s):

Mr. K. Balasubramani,
Special Government Pleader for R1 to R7

Prayer: Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings issued by the 4th respondent in Na.Ka.No.20/2025 dated 08.01.2026 and in Na.Ka.No.20/2025 dated 21.01.2026, quash the same, and further direct the respondents to forbear from obstructing or interfering with the petitioner's farming rights in his property in Survey No. 11, in Kannivadi Hill North Village, Dindigul District and also usage of the passages and the pathways leading to the said property.

ORDER

The learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that after having granted permission to the petitioner to construct a dam and do organic farming, now the Authorities intend to demolish the dam.

2. This Court is of the view that even though there is a dispute between the petitioner and the Forest Department, the dam already constructed, at any cost, shall not be demolished. Even if the Forest Department is taking over the dam, the dam should be maintained by them, since it will be useful for many animals to drink water.



3. Hence, there shall be an order of interim stay of the proceedings of respondent in Na.Ka.No.20/2025, dated 08.01.2026 and Na.Ka.No.20/2025 dated 21.01.2026. It is made clear that, if any demolition has been done, the same should be reconstructed forthwith and reported to this Court on 04.02.2026.

4. Post on 04.02.2026.

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Note: Issue order copy on 02.02.2026

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