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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 06.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

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and

W.M.P.(MD)No.2843 of 2026

Periyasamy

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The District Revenue Officer,
Karur Taluk,
Karur.

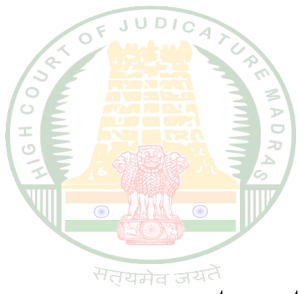
2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Karur Taluk,
Karur.

3.The Tahsildar,
Karur Taluk,
Karur.

4.Manimegalai

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the first respondent pertaining to his proceedings in Pa.Mu.Si1/13393/2023 dated 21.02.2025, quash the same and consequently, direct the first respondent to



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restore the original patta stood in name of the petitioner in Survey No.494/2, situated in Mookanangkurichi Village, Karur Taluk and District.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Devaraj

For R1 to R3 : Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam
Government Advocate

ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings of the first respondent dated 21.02.2025, and consequently, direct the first respondent to restore the original patta stood in name of the petitioner in respect of Survey No. 494/2, situated in Mookanangkurichi Village, Karur Taluk and District.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the subject property is ancestral in nature and the petitioner has been in lawful possession and enjoyment for several decades. The fourth respondent, after remaining silent for nearly 50 years, has suddenly made a representation in the year 2024 seeking issuance of a joint patta, which is wholly illegal, barred by laches, and amounts to an abuse of process of law.



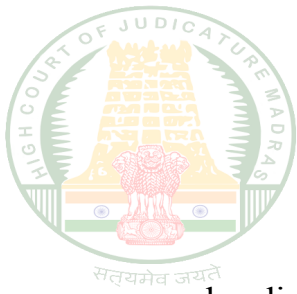
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3. It is further submitted that the first respondent has no jurisdiction to entertain or pass orders for inclusion of the fourth respondent's name in the existing patta, as the power to effect changes under the Tamil Nadu Patta Passbook Act, 1983 vests only with the third respondent, who is the competent authority. Hence, the impugned proceedings dated 21.02.2025 are without jurisdiction and liable to be set aside on this ground alone.

4. The learned counsel further submits that the fourth respondent has an effective and efficacious alternative remedy of approaching the competent Civil Court to establish title. Without exhausting such remedy, the fourth respondent cannot seek inclusion of name in the joint patta in respect of S.No.494/2. On this ground also, the impugned proceedings deserve to be quashed.

5. Mr.N.Ramesh Arumugam, learned Government Advocate takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3 and submits that, insofar as correction of entries under the UDR scheme is concerned, the first respondent / District Revenue Officer is the competent authority. Upon receipt of the petition from the fourth respondent and after calling for and examining the reports submitted by the concerned

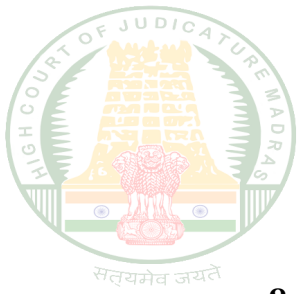


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subordinate revenue officials, the first respondent has passed the impugned order in accordance with law.

6. This Court has considered the rival submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents 1 to 3. The petitioner has raised a *prima facie* contention that the subject property is ancestral in nature and that the impugned proceedings dated 21.02.2025 have been passed by the first respondent allegedly without jurisdiction, while the respondents contend that the first respondent is the competent authority for UDR corrections.

7. Having regard to the disputed questions relating to title and jurisdiction, which require consideration by the appellate authority and/or the competent Civil Court, this Court is of the view that the petitioner has made out a *prima facie* case for interim protection. If any further changes are effected in the revenue records pending adjudication, the same may result in irreversible consequences and prejudice to the rights of the parties.



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8. This Court is also satisfied that the balance of convenience lies in favour of maintaining the existing state of affairs and that failure to grant interim relief may cause irreparable hardship to the petitioner. Therefore, in the interest of justice and to preserve the subject matter of the writ petition, an order of *status quo* is granted for a period of six weeks.

9. Notice to the fourth respondent returnable by 23.03.2026. Private notice is also permitted.

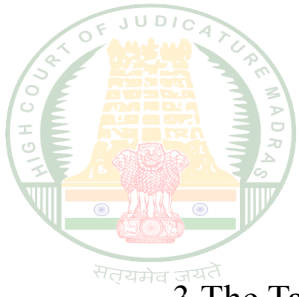
10. List the case on **23.03.2026**, for filing counter affidavit.

(K.SURENDER, J.)
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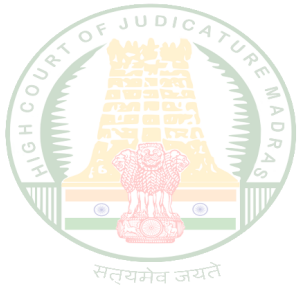
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