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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 15.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE S.SRIMATHY

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Pappushan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.
2. The District Revenue Officer,
District Revenue Office,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.
3. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Revenue Divisional Office,
Padmanabapuram Thuckalay,
Kanyakumari District.
4. The Tahsildar,
Vilavangkadu Taluk,
Kulithurai,
Kanyakumari District.



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5. The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department, WTO,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the impugned order issued by the 2nd respondent in Ni,Mu.M4/3862035/2025 dated 10.01.2026 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to grant patta to the petitioner's property situated in Suvey No.D5/256 Vilavancode Taluk, Kulithurai, Kanyakumari District.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Maheswaran

For Respondents : Mr.S.Siva Thilakar
Counsel for the State of Tamil Nadu

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking to call for the records relating to the impugned order issued by the 2nd respondent in Ni,Mu.M4/3862035/2025 dated 10.01.2026 and quash the same and further direct the respondents to grant patta to the petitioner's property situated in Sruvey No.D5/256 Vilavancode Taluk, Kulithurai, Kanyakumari District.



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2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the land in Survey No. D6-26, measuring about $22\frac{3}{4}$ cents, originally belonged to the petitioner's mother, Katheeja Beevi. In 1981, when Government officials approached the petitioner requesting him to hand over the land for the construction of the Marthandam Police Station and its quarters, citing public necessity, the petitioner expressed his willingness to do so. It was further submitted that the respondents assured the petitioner that an equivalent extent of land would be allotted to him in exchange. Based on this assurance, the petitioner handed over the said land, and in return, the respondents allotted land in Survey No. D5/256, which is classified as Government poramboke land. The petitioner has been in continuous possession of the said land for the past 37 years and has cultivated herbal plants with significant medicinal value. However, no patta has been issued in his favour. The petitioner had submitted applications seeking patta, but the same were not considered. Subsequently, the petitioner filed W.P. (MD) No. 16500 of 2018, which was disposed of on 26.07.2018 with a direction to the third respondent to consider the petitioner's request in light of the recommendation made by the second respondent. However, by proceedings dated 01.10.2018, the fourth respondent rejected the petitioner's claim. Aggrieved by



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the same, the petitioner filed W.P.(MD) No. 24028 of 2018, which was disposed of on 05.01.2022, directing the fourth respondent to pass orders based on additional materials to be submitted by the petitioner. Accordingly, the petitioner submitted a detailed representation on 05.02.2022 along with supporting documents. Despite this, the respondents again rejected the petitioner's claim. Thereafter, the petitioner filed W.P.(MD) No. 22339 of 2022, which was disposed of on 29.01.2025 with a direction to the respondents to consider the representation and pass appropriate orders. Pursuant to the said direction, the respondents passed the impugned order dated 10.01.2026, rejecting the petitioner's request for issuance of patta. Aggrieved by the said order, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the State/respondents.

4. After hearing the rival submissions, this Court directed the learned counsel appearing for the Government to obtain instructions regarding the grant of an alternative site to the petitioner, vide order dated 22.04.2026. Pursuant to the said order, the 4th respondent, by proceedings dated 12.06.2026, has



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forwarded a recommendation to the Sub-Collector. Therefore, the Sub-Collector/RDO, Kanyakumari District, is directed to place the matter before the District Collector within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The District Collector shall consider the petitioner's claim and pass appropriate orders, after obtaining necessary permission from the competent authority, namely, the Secretary to Government or the Commissioner of Land Administration, for the grant of an alternative site to the petitioner. The entire exercise shall be completed by the District Collector within a period of six months. The impugned order is not quashed.

5. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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