

W.P(MD)No.8418 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 27.03.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

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C.Sudhakar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Pudukkottai District,
Pudukkottai.

2.The Tahsildar,
Gandarvakottai Taluk,
Pudukkottai District.

3.The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Pudukkottai District.

4.Anjayan

5.A.Subramaniyan

6.A.Selvakumar

7.Bhaskar

... Respondents



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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 and 3 to remove the encroachment made by the Respondents 4 to 7 in the Tank known as Tholaakulam situated in Survey No.184 and channel situated in Survey No.320 in Sangam Viduthi, Gantharvakkottai Taluk, Pudukkottai District, within the time stipulated by this Court.

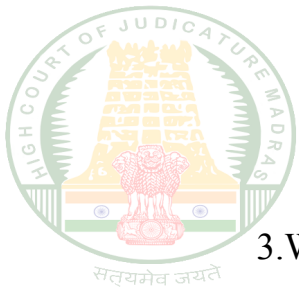
For Petitioner : Mr.I.Robert Chandra Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.S.RA.Ramachandran
Additional Government Pleader
for R.1 to R.3

ORDER

The petitioner alleges that there are encroachments in the petition mentioned survey numbers.

2.The learned Additional Government Pleader confirms that Survey No. 184 has been classified as “tank” and Survey No.320 has been classified as “channel”. Encroachments in water bodies cannot be permitted. The petitioner states that the private respondents herein are carrying on agricultural activities in a portion of the water bodies.



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3. We direct the respondents 2 and 3 to liaison between themselves and conduct survey for the petition mentioned water bodies. Their boundaries shall also be duly fixed. If at the end of the survey, it is seen that there are encroachments, it shall be removed by adhering to the due process of law. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The character of the water body shall maintain for all times to come.

4. This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

[G.R.S., J.] [B.P., J.]
27.03.2025

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