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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **29.04.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR**

AND

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN**

W.P.(MD)No.9466 of 2026

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.7565 of 2026

K.K.Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Union of India,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Ministry of Water Resources,
No/412, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi - 110 001
- 2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Public Works Department and
Water Resources Organization,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009
- 3.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Additional Chief Secretary
Finance Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009
- 4.The Engineer - in – Chief,
Water Resources Department,
Chepauk, Chennai - 5 (W.E.)



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5. The Chief Engineer,
Operation and Maintenance,
Water Resources Department,
Chepauk, Chennai - 5 (W.E).

6. The Chief Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Water Resources Organization,
Periyar Vaigai Basin Circle,
Madurai - 2

7. The Executive Engineer,
Public Works Department,
Water Resources Organization,
Periyar Vaigai Basin Circle,
Madurai - 625 002.

8. The District Collector,
Theni District, Theni.

...Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to Clear the mud and sludge in the Vaigai Dam on war footing manner to improve the storage of water to the needs of five southern District People at least at this stage if this Court is not getting involved to remove the difficulties, the five Districts Madurai, Theni, Dindigul, Ramnad and Sivagangai will turn into a barren land and the both the people and cattle will not be able to at least to quench the thirst by considering the petitioner's representation dated 23.02.2026.

For Petitioner : Mr.KK.Ramesh
Party-in-person
For Respondents : Mr.S.P.Maharajan (R2 to R8)
Special Government Pleader



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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

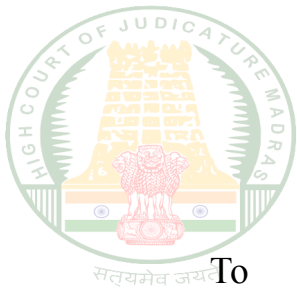
Mr.S.P.Maharajan, learned Special Government Pleader,
accepts notice for the respondents 2 to 8.

2.The fourth respondent is directed to file a detailed status
report indicating the nature of the sanction sought, date of estimation sent
to the Government and the actions taken to obtain environmental
clearance.

3.List on 03.06.2026.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
29.04.2026

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