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W.P.(MD)NO.9851 OF 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P.(MD)No.9851 of 2026

and

W.M.P.(MD)No.7779 of 2026

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Theni District, Theni.
2. The Chief Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Madurai Region,
Tallakulam, Madurai – 625 002.
3. The Superintending Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Periyar Vaigai Basin Circle,
PWD Campus, Tallakulam,
Madurai – 625 002.
4. The Tahsildar,
Periyakulam Taluk,
Theni District.
5. The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Water Resources Department,
Manjalaru Basin Sub-Division,
Periyakulam, Theni District.



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6. The Assistant Engineer(Technical),
Water Resources Department,
Manjalaru Basin Division,
Periyakulam,
Theni District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to conduct a land survey of the entire water spread area of Manjalar dam and reservoir and forthwith identify and remove all illegal encroachments within the water spread area and canals and immediately execute the desilting of Manjalaru dam and implement projects under DRIP Phase II, based on the petitioner's representation dated 17.12.2005.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugaraj

For Respondents : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner is asking for a sweeping direction. We are not in a position to issue the same. It is open to the petitioner to identify



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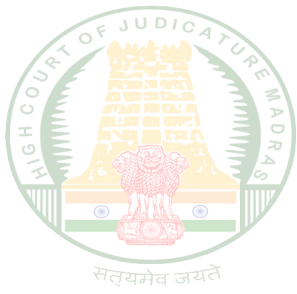
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individual cases of encroachments and come to this Court for seeking their removal. With the aforesaid liberty, this writ petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (B.PUGALENDHI, J.)
09th April 2026

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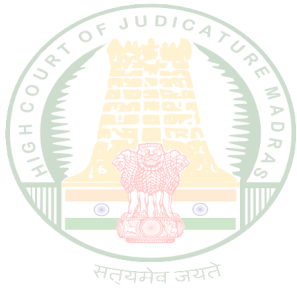


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