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W.M.P.(MD)NO.8087 OF 2026

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WMP(MD) NO. 8087 of 2026

IN

WP(MD) NO. 10281 OF 2026

1. S.Subramanian
S/o.M.S.Subramaniam
Kottai Street
Podhumbu
Madurai District.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner of Land Administration
O/o. The Commissioner of Land Administration
Chepauk
Chennai - 5.

2. The District Revenue Officer
Collectorate Campus
Madurai District.

3. The Revenue Divisional Officer
O/o.The Revenue Divisional Officer
Madurai
Madurai District.

4. The Tahsildar
Madurai North Taluk
Madurai District.

Respondent(s)



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.Lajapathi Roy,
Senior counsel,
for M/s.Roy and Roy Associates

For Respondent(s): Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Government Pleader.

Prayer:To pass an order of interim stay of operation of the Impugned Order in R2/12962873/2026 dated 18.03.2026 on the file of the respondent no.1 pending disposal of the Writ Petition and thus render justice.

ORDER

The learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner categorically states that neither the petitioner nor any villager is making any claim over the community hall in question. It has already been handed over to the local body.

2. We make it clear that the said building shall be considered as vesting in the local body. Necessary entry will be made in the Asset Register of the Panchayat also. The Hon'ble Division Bench vide order dated 02.12.2025 in W.P.(MD)No.26919 of 2025 had given the following direction:-

“ 10.Therefore, insofar as W.P(MD)No.9346 of 2021, we dispose of the writ petition with the



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observation that if there is any encroachment and it cannot be ratified, action may be taken only after final order is passed regarding the classification and after due measurement of the field, the area in which the temple is located and the area in which the building is located and to what extent the alleged encroachment is in the field. Regarding W.P(MD)No.26919 of 2025, since the DRO had already passed an order and the petitioner has now expressed that he wants to file an appeal before the State, we dispose of the said writ petition as nothing survives, in view of the order passed by the DRO.”

3. The learned Senior counsel asserts that this direction has not been complied with. We find *prima facie* force in the said contention. If the building in question is allowed to be demolished, nothing will survive in the writ petition. There shall be an order of interim stay regarding demolition alone.

4. Notice.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN J.) (B.PUGALENDHI J.)
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