



W.A.(MD)No.665 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R.KALAIMATHI

W.A(MD)No.665 of 2022

and

C.M.P(MD)Nos.5652 of 2022 & 519 of 2026

1.K.Naganathan (Died)

2.Nagakanni

3.Bhavani

4.Dhivya

5.Viji

6.Ramya

7.Sethu Lakshmi

8.Thangarajan

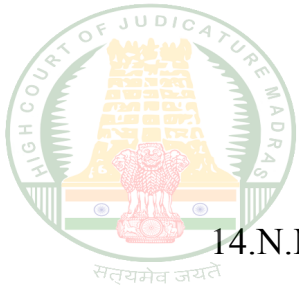
9.Muthukumar

10.Gobi

11.Mareeswaran

12.Nambukumar

13.Maheswari



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14.N.Mahalakshmi

15.N.Kavitha

*(Appellants 14 and 15 are suo motu
substituted as LR's of the deceased
1st Appellant as per the order of this
Court dated 19.01.2026)*

... Appellants /
Writ Petitioners

Vs.

1.The District Revenue Officer,
Ramanathapuram District,
Ramanathapuram.

2.K.Muniyandi Servai

3.Sathaiah Servai

4.Ganesan

5.Chandran

6.Rathinam

7.Radha

8.Karunakaran

9.Baskaran

10.Sivaji

11.Dhasarathan

... Respondents /
Respondents

Prayer: Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside the order dated 12.04.2022 made in W.P(MD)No.7863 of 2016 on the file of this Court and allow this Writ Appeal.



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For Appellants : Mr.R.Gowrishankar

For Respondents : Mr.S.S.Madhavan
Additional Government Pleader
for R.1

Mr.A.Rajaram
for R.2 to R.7

No Appearance for R.8 to R.10

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was made by G.R.Swaminathan J.)

The unsuccessful writ petitioners are the appellants before us. The writ petitioners are aggrieved by the extent of property shown as belonging to the respondents in the revenue record.

2.According to the writ petitioners, the father of the respondents 2 to 7 (Krishnan Servai) and the respondents 8 to 11(Ramalinga Servai) purchased only 3½ kurukkam of land (equivalent to 3 acres and 15 cents) (1 Kurukkam = 90 cents). Unfortunately, during UDR, instead of mentioning the extent of land owned by the private respondents as 3.15 acres, it was erroneously mentioned as 3.80 acres. Seeking correction of this error that took place during UDR, the petitioner herein filed revision petition before the District Revenue Officer, Ramanathapuram. The



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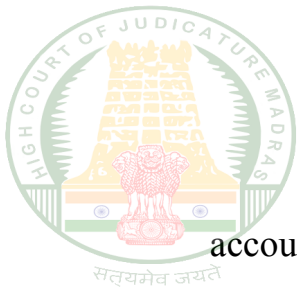
District Revenue Officer, Ramanathapuram vide order dated 26.02.2016

relegated the petitioners to go before the jurisdictional civil Court.

Challenging the same, W.P(MD)No.7863 of 2016 was filed. The learned single Judge vide order dated 12.04.2022 dismissed the writ petition and relegated the parties to work out their remedies before the appropriate civil Court. Aggrieved by the same, this Writ Appeal has been filed.

3.We do find considerable merit in the stand of the learned counsel appearing for the appellants that the revenue record should reflect the extent of land shown in the corresponding title document. But then, as per the title document, the private respondents are entitled to only 3.15 acres of land. However, during UDR itself, the revenue record was mutated and the family of the private respondents was shown to be in possession and enjoyment of 3.80 acres. Unfortunately, the petitioners did not file an appeal before the District Revenue Officer well in time. UDR was implemented in the late 1980s, whereas the revision was filed before the District Revenue Officer only in the year 2013.

4.The private respondents argued that the extent of land mentioned in the title document was erroneous. If the four boundaries are taken into



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account, it would be seen that they are entitled to 3.80 acres of land. This is a classic civil dispute. The Hon'ble Division Bench in the decision reported in **2011 (5) CTC 94 (Vishwas Footwear Company Limited Vs The District Collector & Others)** had held that the revenue authority cannot adjudicate title disputes. That is why the revenue authority as well as the learned single Judge relegated the appellants herein to work out their rights before the jurisdictional civil Court. We are of the view that this approach cannot be faulted.

5. Granting liberty to the appellants to work out their rights before the Civil Court, this Writ Appeal stands dismissed. We make it clear that we have not gone into the merits of the matter. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[G.R.S., J.] [R.K.M, J.]
21.01.2026

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