



W.P.(MD) No.16540 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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... Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
Trichy District, Trichy.

2.The District Revenue Officer,
Trichy District, Trichy.

3.The Tahsildar,
Manapparai Taluk,
Trichy District.

4.C.Chinnaiah

5.C.Andi

6.Kottayan Ambalam

7.Maniraj

8.Meganathan

9.Chinnathambi

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent Nos.1 to 3



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to consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.10.2022 that to close the abandoned Well situated in Survey No.70/2E at Pudukkottai Village, Manapparai Taluk, Trichy District, belonged to the respondent Nos.4 to 9 in the light of the enquiry conducted by the third respondent dated 15.03.2023 vide his proceedings in Na.Ka.A1/354/2021, dated 10.03.2023 within the time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.G.S.Senthilkumar
For R-1 to R-3	: Mr.S.Shanmugavel, Additional Government Pleader
For R-4 to R-9	: No Appearance

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.10.2022 for closing the abandoned Well situated in Survey No.70/2E at Pudukkottai Village, Manapparai Taluk, Tiruchirappalli District, belonging to respondent Nos.4 to 9, in the light of the enquiry conducted by the third respondent dated 15.03.2023 and the proceedings in Na.Ka.A1/354/2021, dated 10.03.2023, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that an abandoned Well is situated near the petitioner's house, which belongs



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to respondent Nos.4 to 9. It is further submitted that the people residing nearby are using the said Well as a garbage pit by dumping waste into it.

He would further submit that livestock have fallen into the Well, thereby posing a serious risk to public safety. Hence, the petitioner made a representation to the first respondent seeking closure of the abandoned Well.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the official respondents submitted that if the petitioner has any grievance, it is for the concerned landowners to put up a fence around the Well. He would further submit that the Tahsildar has already directed the concerned parties to fence the Well.

4. Considering the submissions made on either side, this Court finds force in the submissions of the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the official respondents. The petitioner can very well put up a fence around the Well to avoid any untoward incidents. This Court cannot issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to close the Well. It is also seen that the ninth respondent is the father of the petitioner and the dispute is essentially a family dispute, which cannot be resolved under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.



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WEB COPY 5. In view of the above, this Court does not find any merit in this

Writ Petition and the same stands dismissed. No costs.

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KRISHNAN RAMASAMY, J.

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