

W.P(MD)No.25761 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 09.06.2026

WEB COPY

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

W.P(MD)No.25761 of 2024

and

WMP(MD)Nos.21828 and 21829 of 2024

A.Devadoss

... Petitioner

Vs.

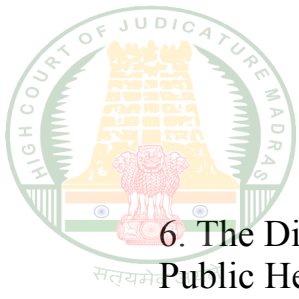
1. The Principal Secretary,
Industries, Investment Promotion
and Commerce Department,
Secretariat, St.George fort,
Chennai - 600009.

2. The Managing Director,
State Industries Promotion Corporation of
Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) Ltd,
19A, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Road,
Egmore, Chennai - 600008.

3. The Secretary,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Secretariat, St.George fort,
Chennai - 600009.

4. The District Collector,
District Collectorate campus,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur district - 613010.

5. The Revenue Tahshildar,
Office of the Revenue Tahshildar,
Budalur, Thanjavur district – 613402.



W.P(MD)No.25761 of

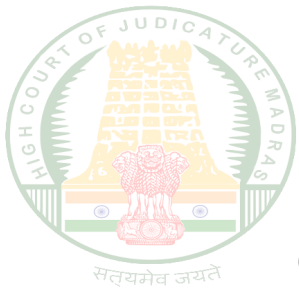
6. The District Health Officer,
Public Health and Preventive Medicine,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District - 613004.

7. The Administrative Officer / Tahsildar,
Mahama Gandhi Memorial T.B and
Chest Diseases Sanatorium Hospital,
Sengipatti,
Thanjaur - 613402.

... Respondents

PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to effective steps to retain the Thanjavur district, Sengipatti Mahatma Gandhi memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium hospital and attached campus land compressing 220 acres in Sengipatti and Palayampatti South, villages in Budalur Taluk in Thanjavur District to be utilised only for the Medical and Public Health purpose, and renovate all wards, administrative block, Kitchen and all building and fence the entire campus, as per The Tamil Nadu Tuberculosis Sanatoria (Regulation of Building) Act, 1947, and ensure sufficient Doctors, Nurses and other all medical staffs strength for effective functioning of hospital and ensure quality medical care to the poor people in accordance with the law within stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Dr.R.Alagumani
For R1 & R3 to R7	: Mr.C.Jeganathan Counsel for State
For R2	: Mr.P.V.Balasubramanian Additional Advocate General, assisted by Mr.M.Gangatharan



W.P(MD)No.25761 of

ORDER

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

WEB COPY

The prayer in this writ petition is for a Mandamus, directing the Respondents to effective steps to retain the Thanjavur district, Sengipatti Mahatma Gandhi memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium hospital and attached campus land compressing 220 acres in Sengipatti and Palayampatti South, villages in Budalur Taluk in Thanjavur District to be utilised only for the Medical and Public Health purpose, and renovate all wards, administrative block, Kitchen and all building and fence the entire campus, as per The Tamil Nadu Tuberculosis Sanatoria (Regulation of Building) Act, 1947, and ensure sufficient Doctors, Nurses and other all medical staffs strength for effective functioning of hospital and ensure quality medical care to the poor people in accordance with the law within a time frame.

2. The earlier order of this Court clearly captured the Government orders and nature of the allotment made to hother departments. Though originally 488 acres of land was allotted to the T.B Sanatorium, in the year 1948, as the lands remained idle and unutilised even after 75 years as there was no need arose for development of sanatorium, an extent of 34.38 acres out of 361.30 acres in Palayapatti Village was alienated to BPCL in the year 1999, and an extent of 103.03 of the same village was alienated to SIDCO in the year 2010 and the remaining area of 223.89 acres of lands in the village are available for



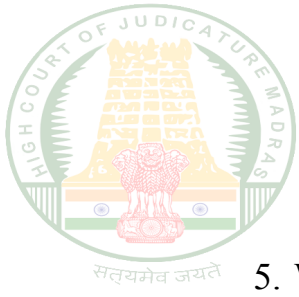
W.P(MD)No.25761 of:

acquisition. Similarly, out of the total extent of 127.37 acres of land in Sengipatti Village, an extent of 37.80 acres of land was alienated to Govt. Engineering College and the remaining area of 89.57 acres of lands in the village are available for acquisition. Now it is indicated that remaining 131.83 acres alone is retained for the purpose of tuberculosis hospital.

3. We are of the view that as the lands have been unutilised for all these years, the allotment to the other departments by the Government cannot be questioned, since it is the prerogative of the Government to take such decision.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant would submit that the lands have been originally allotted to health department and the same should be retained so that in future for any health service, the same can be utilised.

4. Even assuming there is any future development proposed in the health sector, it is the duty of the Government to provide alternative place. Thus, we make it clear that 131.83 acres allotted to tuberculosis sanatorium shall be retained and the same shall not be allotted to any other department and the same shall be used for future development particularly, in the health sector. The Government shall also consider the provision of sufficient infrastructure to the existing Tuberculosis Sanatorium expeditiously.



W.P(MD)No.25761 of

5. With the above directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

WEB COPY

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
09.06.2026

Index : Yes / No
Neutral Citation : Yes / No
bala

To

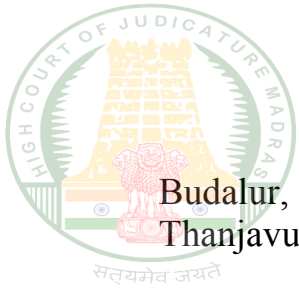
1. The Principal Secretary,
Industries, Investment Promotion
and Commerce Department,
Secretariat, St.George fort,
Chennai - 600009.

2. The Managing Director,
State Industries Promotion Corporation of
Tamil Nadu (SIPCOT) Ltd,
19A, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Road,
Egmore, Chennai - 600008.

3. The Secretary,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Secretariat, St.George fort,
Chennai - 600009.

4. The District Collector,
District Collectorate campus,
Thanjavur, Thanjavur district - 613010.

5. The Revenue Tahshildar,
Office of the Revenue Tahshildar,



W.P(MD)No.25761 of:

Budalur,
Thanjavur district – 613402.

6. The District Health Officer,
Public Health and Preventive Medicine,
Thanjavur,
Thanjavur District - 613004.

7. The Administrative Officer / Tahsildar,
Mahama Gandhi Memorial T.B and
Chest Diseases Sanatorium Hospital,
Sengipatti,
Thanjaur - 613402.



WEB COPY



W.P(MD)No.25761 of 2024

N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.
AND
M.JOTHIRAMAN, J.

bala

ORDER MADE IN
W.P(MD)No.25761 of 2024
DATED : 09.06.2026