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WA(MD) No. 3251 of 2025



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 21-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WA(MD) No. 3251 of 2025

and

C.M.P.(MD)Nos.20228 & 20230 of 2025

M.Peya Pandian
S/o. Meenatchi,
Karadikkal Thottam, Karadikkal Post,
Thirumangalam Taluk,
Madurai District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. The District Revenue Officer
District Revenue Office,
Collectorate, Madurai District.
2. The Tahsildhar
Thirumangalam Taluk,
Madurai District.
3. The Revenue Inspector
A. Kokkukulam Firka,
Thirumangalam Taluk,
Madurai District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, to set aside the order passed in WP(MD)No.34907 of 2025 dated 02.12.2025 on the file of this Court and allow the above writ appeal.

For Petitioner(s):	Mr.V.R.Shanmuganathan
For Respondent(s):	Mr.C.Jeganathan, Special Government Pleader.



JUDGMENT

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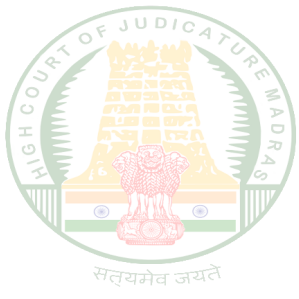
Heard both sides.

2. The unsuccessful writ petitioner is the appellant before us. According to the appellant, the petition-mentioned survey number was wrongly classified as water body during UDR. Any UDR error can be corrected only by the jurisdictional District Revenue Officer. Law does not prescribe any limitation for such correction.

3. The petitioner, therefore, moved the District Revenue Officer, Madurai. Since the petition was not disposed of, he filed W.P. (MD)No.34907 of 2025. This writ petition was closed by the learned single Judge vide order dated 02.12.2025 in the following terms:-

“5. The learned Special Government Pleader for the respondents submits that a show cause notice dated 17.11.2025 was issued to the petitioner pursuant to the directions of the Division Bench of this Court in W.P. (MD)No.32371 of 2025, dated 13.11.2025. Meanwhile, the petitioner has filed an appeal / request to change the classification of the land.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made, this Court is of the view that



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the petitioner's appeal / request cannot be considered at this stage, since the show cause notice was issued pursuant to the directions of the Division Bench in W.P.(MD)No.32371 of 2025, dated 13.11.2025. As directed by the Division Bench, the proceedings shall continue before the competent authority.”

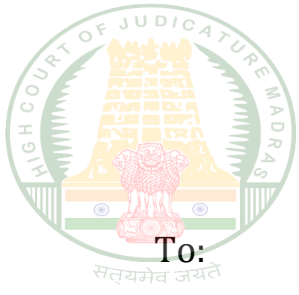
4. Aggrieved by the said order, this writ appeal has been filed.

5. It is true that we had issued certain directions for clearing the encroachments in the petition-mentioned survey numbers. We had proceeded on the premise that it was a water body. When according to the writ petitioner, it was wrongly classified as water body, we cannot foreclose his right to seek correction of the same. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, we direct the District Revenue Officer, Madurai to dispose of the appellant's petition dated 06.11.2025 on merits and in accordance with law. The impugned order is set aside. This writ appeal stands allowed on these terms. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(G.R.S.,J.) (B.P.,J.)
21-08-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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