

ITEM NO.36

COURT NO.5

SECTION XII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No.26245/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 07-08-2025 in WA No. 1951/2024 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

METTUR DAM SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 307383/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES & IA No. 304488/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 27798/2025 (XII)

Date : 24-07-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. VINOD CHANDRAN

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. These petitions arise from the Order passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras dated 7-8-2025 in Writ Appeal No.1951/2024 filed by the State of Tamil Nadu and Writ Appeal filed by the Respondent No.6. Both the appeals came to be allowed.
2. The subject - matter of the present litigation is the conversion of the industrial land for residential purposes.
3. It is the case of the petitioner - Association that way back in 1937, the entire area in question started developing as an industrial area. There are hundreds of industries at the place called Salem Camp situated on the banks of river Cauvery.
4. According to the petitioner - Association with the conversion of the use of land, people will now start constructing residential colonies and that may disturb the entire working of the industries in the area, more particularly the chemical industries.
5. We heard Mr. Vinay Navare, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the petitioner - Association and Mr. V.P. Sengottuvel, the learned Senior counsel appearing for the Respondent No.6.
6. We are of the view that no error not to speak of any error of law could be said to have been committed by the High Court in passing the impugned Judgments and Orders.
7. We make it clear that since the Government on its own has decided to change the use of land and is now going to permit coming up of residential colonies also, the residents of the area shall not raise any objection as regards the functioning of the industries, except if they are not running it in accordance with law. In other words, we make it clear that if the Respondent No.6 intends to develop this area and utilize it for residential purpose, it shall make itself public and bring it to the people at large that it has given an undertaking before the Supreme Court that they would not raise any objection as regards running of the industries in the area concerned including the purchasers of the residential houses/apartments.

8. With the aforesaid, these petitions stand disposed of.
9. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(VISHAL ANAND)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)