

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-09-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

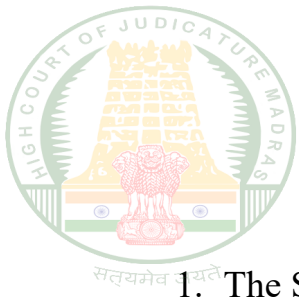
WP No. 39539 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012338792026}

1. N.Surendiran
S/o Nanjappan
Membership no 566,
No 335 new pillaiyar Koil Street,
Avarankadu, Pallipalayam
Namakkal 638 006.
2. S. Dhasaradhan Nivas
S/o surendiran,
Membership no 557,
No 335 new pillaiyar Koil Street,
Avarankadu, Pallipalayam
Namakkal 638 006
3. G. Madesh
S/o Gurunathan
Membership no 347,
No 764 A, Pudu Pillayar street
Avarankadu, Pallipalayam
Namakkal 638 006
4. S. Kanishkar
S/o Sadhasivam
Membership no 605 ,
No 13 Sembadampalayam
Poonachi, bhavani,
Erode 638 314
5. D. Sowmiya
W/o Dharsaradhan Nivas,
Membership no 609,
No 335 new pillaiyar Koil Street,
Avarankadu, Pallipalayam
Namakkal 638 006



Case QR



..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary to the Government
Animal Husbandry,
Fisheries and Fisherman Welfare Department,
Fort St George, Chennai 9.
2. The Commissioner of Fisheries and Fisherman
Welfare
Anna salai,
Nandanam
Chennai 35.
3. The District Collector
Namakkal,
Namakkal District 637 003.
4. The Executive Engineer PWD, WRD
Sarabanga Basin Division S.K. Garden
Salem District.
5. The Assistant Director of Fisheries
Mettur Dam, Salem- 1.
6. The Assistant Executive Engineer PWD WRD
Sarabanga Basin - Sub Division,
Rasipuram, Namakkal 637 408
7. The Special Officer
F.M. R 13 Pallipalayam Avarangkadu
Inland Fishermen Co-operative Society,
Pallipalayam Kumarapalayam Taluk,
Namakkal District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 7th respondent to pass a resolution in favour of the petitioners in accordance with Revenue Standing Order 211 and G.O.Ms. No.332 Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (FS.IV) Department dated 17.11.1993 based on petitioners representation dated



10.09.2026 within the time frame fixed by this Court and pass such further or other orders.

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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.A.Saravanan

For Respondent(s):

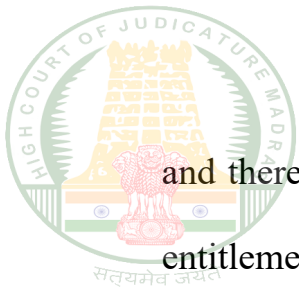
Mrs.Inthu Karunakaran
Special Government Pleader
For RR1 to 6
Mr.S.Seenuvasan
Government Advocate for R7

ORDER

The prayer in the Writ Petition is for a Mandamus directing the 7th respondent to pass a resolution in favour of the petitioners in accordance with Revenue Standing Order 211 and G.O.Ms. No.332 Animal Husbandry and Fisheries (FS.IV) Department dated 17.11.1993 based on petitioners' representation dated 10.09.2026.

2. Upon hearing the learned counsel for the petitioners and perusing the material records of the case, it appears that the grievance of the petitioners is that the instant case relates to the grant of fishing rights in respect of Palamedu Lake, which is vested with the Water Resources Department.

3. The learned counsel would submit that earlier when the rights were directed to be auctioned, this Court had interfered, pursuant to which, it had been granted only to the cooperative society which has the traditional fisherman as its members. The petitioners are the members of the 7th respondent society



and therefore the rights have to be auctioned to the 7th respondent society with entitlement to the members, such as the petitioners to carry out the fishing.

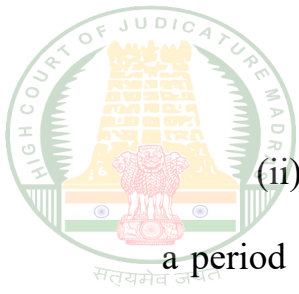
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4. The learned Special Government Pleader would submit that firstly resolution has to be passed by the 7th respondent and the request should emanate only from the cooperative society, upon which, it will be considered in accordance with law.

5. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the 7th respondent would submit that there are rival groups which are claiming rights with reference to the different lakes in the jurisdiction and they will pass orders in accordance with law.

6. In view thereof, this Writ Petition is disposed of on the following terms:-

(i) the petitioners' representation dated 10.09.2026 shall be first considered by the 7th respondent. The 7th respondent is now being administered by the Special Officer who is functioning as the board shall conduct due enquiry by issuing notices to both sides and pass a resolution as the board of the 7th respondent cooperative society and thereafter forward the resolution to the 6th respondent who in turn, shall consider the grant of rights in the manner known to law;



(ii) the aforesaid exercise shall be completed by the 7th respondent within a period of 3 weeks from the date of receipt of the web copy of the order and thereafter upon receipt of the appropriate resolution, further orders shall be passed by the 6th respondent within a period of 4 weeks there from;

(iii) No costs.

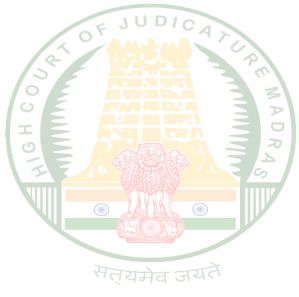
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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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