

W.P(MD)No.17711 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 02.07.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

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J.Kanakaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.State of Tamilnadu,
The Principal Secretary
Department of Public Work
State of Tamilnadu
For St.Geore, Secretariat
Chennai 600 009.
- 2.State of Tamilnadu
Rep.by The Principal Secretary,
Department of Municipal Administration
and Water Supply,
State of Tamilnadu, Fort St.Geore
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
- 3.The District Collector
Office of the District Collector
Madurai District.
- 4.The Commissioner
Madurai Corporation
Aringar Anna Maligai
Outpost, Thallakulam



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5.The Chief Engineer
Public Works Department
Water Resources Organisation
Madurai Region, Thallakulam
Madurai 625 002.

6.The Superintending Engineer
Public Works Department
Water Resources Organisation
Periyar Vaigai Basin Circle
Madurai Region
Madurai 625 002.

7.Kaveetha

8.T.Vasantha

9.M.P.Muthukrishnan

10.Ramar

11.Dhaya

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents No.1 to 6 (a) To inspect and remove all types of encroachments made by the respondents No.7 to 11 and other people at Athikulam Kanmoi and Periyapuliyankulam Kanmoi, Madurai District in accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Court. (b) To restore the Periyar Canal which transports water from Vaigai Dam to Athikulam Kanmoi and Periyapuliyankulam Kanmoi, Madurai District in



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accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Court, (c) To remove the Seemai Karuvelamaram trees (Prosopis Juliflora) and Aagayathamirai Plants (Water Hyacinth) which are grown everywhere on Athikulam Kanmoi and Periyapuliyankulam Kanmoi, Madurai District in accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Court. (d) To set up the children park by fencing around Athikulam Kanmoi for purpose to proteet the Kanmoi from the encroachers at future in accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Dr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.S.Vashik Ali,
Govt. Advocate for R1 to R3.
Mr.S.Vinayak for R4
Mr.A.Srinivasan for R7
Mr.R.Murugan for R11
No appearance for R9 & R10

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, the learned Government Advocate for the official respondents and the learned counsel for the respondents 7 and 8.

2.The writ petitioner is a resident of K.Pudur. He wants the encroachments in Athikulam Kanmoi and Periyapuliyankulam Kanmoi to



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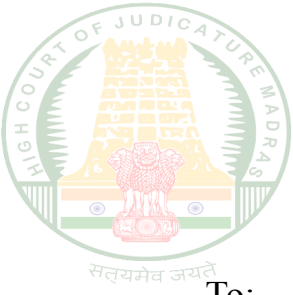
be removed. Both the water bodies vest with the Water Resources Department.

3.We direct the jurisdictional Tahsildar to conduct a survey. Based on the Form I notice to be issued by him, the encroachments, if any, shall be removed by the Water Resources Department by following the due process of law. We grant five months time from today ie., 02.07.2026 to clear all the encroachments.

4.This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

(G.R.S.J.) & (B.P.J.)
02.07.2026

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