Madras HC Sets Aside Order to Take Over Land from Sri Ramachandra Trust

The first Division Bench of the Madras High Court revoked a single-judge order directing the Tamil Nadu government to reclaim prime land from the Sri Ramachandra Educational and Health Trust.

A legal dispute regarding land acquisition and the jurisdiction of single benches versus division benches in the Madras High Court concerning institutional land sales.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The first Division Bench of the **Madras High Court** set aside a single-judge order directing the Tamil Nadu government to reclaim **7.44 acres** of land in Chennai from the **Sri Ramachandra Educational and Health Trust**.
- The court held that a single judge ought not to have issued such a direction to the state government in a writ petition, clarifying that such directives require a **Division Bench**.
- The Division Bench also set aside directions issued by the single judge who had quashed a Government Order issued on **June 12, 1998**.
- The original Government Order permitted the **Tamil Nadu Housing Board** to sell the land to the trust.
- The sale price of the land was fixed at **₹6.01 lakh per ground** in the year **2007**.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

The **Madras High Court** is one of the three high courts in India established in the Presidency towns by Letters Patent issued by Queen Victoria dated **June 26, 1862**.

Article 226 of the Constitution of India empowers High Courts to issue writs for the enforcement of fundamental rights and for any other purpose.

The **Tamil Nadu Housing Board** (TNHB) was established in **1961** under the **Tamil Nadu Housing Board** Act to cater to the housing needs of various sections of the society.

A **Division Bench** in a High Court consists of at least two judges who hear appeals against the decisions of a single judge.

Writ jurisdiction under **Article 226** can be exercised by a single judge unless specified otherwise by the rules of the respective High Court.

Government Orders (GOs) issued by the state executive are subject to judicial review by constitutional courts under Articles 226 and 32.

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Madras HC Division Bench ruled that single judges cannot issue land reclamation directions in routine writ petitions.

Syllabus Relevance: Important for understanding High Court jurisdictions, writ petitions, and judicial review of state government actions.

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