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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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AND SUB APPL NOS. 754, 752 & 753 OF 2026

V.Kannathasan

... Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Arvind Shrivastava
The Revenue Secretary,
Ministry of Finance, Union of India,
Department of Revenue, North Block,
New Delhi-110 001.
2. Vivek Chaturvedi,
Chairman,
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC),
Department of Revenue,
North Block, New Delhi - 110 001.
3. Yohendra Garg,
The Member (Administration and Vigilance),
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, (CBIC),
Department of Revenue,
North Block, New Delhi-110 001.
4. S.Lianlalmuan,
The Under Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Finance, Ad. II Section,
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC),
Department of Revenue, North Block, New Delhi-110 001.

..Contemnor(s)



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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.M.Ravi

For Contemnor(s):

Mr.N.Venkataraman,
Additional Solicitor General
Assisted by Mr.M.Santhanaraman,
Senior Panel Counsel

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.Anita Sumanth J.)

Read this order in continuation of and in conjunction with previous orders including order dated 05.06.2026.

2.We have heard Mr.M.Ravi, learned counsel for the contempt petitioner and Mr.N.Venkataraman, learned Additional Solicitor General for Mr.M.Santhanaraman, learned Senior Panel Counsel for the contemnors.

3.Mr.Ravi would firstly point out that the time frame as fixed by the Division Bench under its order dated 09.09.2025 has been violated. This argument is not available to the petitioner in light of the extension of time granted by this Court on 05.06.2026 in WMP.No.9339 of 2026 and WMP.No.23075 of 2026, for completion of disciplinary proceedings within six months from that date. Hence, time, till the 4th of December, 2026, is available to the respondents to complete the proceedings.

4.The second argument is that communication dated 19.05.2026 is in violation of the direction of this Court under paragraph 41(iii) of order dated 09.09.2025.



5. We note that communication dated 19.05.2026 is only a show cause notice to which a reply has been filed on 27.06.2026. As it is for the authority to complete the proceedings in line with the directions under order dated 09.09.2025, within the extended time frame granted by the Court, it would be premature for us to assume that the final order passed would be in violation or in contempt of those directions.

6. Needless to say, it is always open to the petitioner to challenge the final order, as and when it is passed, in a manner known to law. Mr. Ravi seeks some more time to file detailed submissions to the show cause notice on merits, and the petitioner is permitted to do so, within a period of two (2) weeks from today.

7. With this, and as nothing further survives in this contempt petition, the same is closed. Connected Sub Applications are also closed.

(A.S.M.,J.) (V.L.N.,J.)
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