



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

WP No. 7878 of 2025

Prakash

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
O/o The District Collector
Villupuram
2. The Additional Collector
Project Development Officer
Collector Office Road
Villupuram 605 602
3. The Director
District Project Development
Villupuram 605 602
4. The Block Development Officer
O/o of BDO
Kanai
Villupuram 605 301

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent to issue sanction for commencement of works in Tirukkunam Village Panchayat, Kosapalayam in pursuance of the resolutions passed by the Village Panchayat.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.Avinash Wadhwani

For Respondent(s):

Mr.P.Siddarth, Government Advocate



ORDER

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1. The petitioner is before this Court seeking a direction to the first respondent to accord sanction for the commencement of various developmental works in Thirukkunam Village Panchayat, Kosapalayam, pursuant to the resolutions passed by the Village Panchayat, and for consequential reliefs.
2. The petitioner is the President of Thirukkunam Village Panchayat. It is the petitioner's case that the Village Panchayat passed resolutions for undertaking various public welfare and developmental works within the Panchayat limits, along with the estimated cost of each work, and forwarded the same to the fourth respondent for verification and onward transmission to the first respondent for approval. According to the petitioner, the resolutions were submitted to the fourth respondent on 06.01.2025 and 09.01.2025. The grievance of the petitioner is that the fourth respondent, without assigning any valid reason, has failed to verify the proposals and forward them to the first respondent for approval, thereby adversely affecting the interests of the residents of the Village Panchayat.
3. Heard Mr. Avinash Wadhwani, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, and Mr. P. Siddarth, learned Government Advocate, appearing



for the respondents.

4. For the sake of convenience, the details of the proposed works and the

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corresponding resolutions passed by the Village Panchayat, as tabulated

by the petitioner, are reproduced below:

S	List of works	Date of Resolution	Estimated amount
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1.	Distribution for pipeline work	02.10.2024	3,70,000/-
2.	Pumping main pipeline work 496 M @ Erikkarai Borewell	23.11.2024	2,26,500/-
3.	Pumping main pipeline work 1492M @ Navukuttai Open well	02.10.2024	6,44,000/-
4.	Work of construction of 1.5m span RCC slab culvert	23.11.2024	5,20,000/-
5.	Construction of Chain link fencing to the tree plantation @ Thangal Eri North, East and South side in Thirukkunnam Panchayat	09.1.2025	18.515 lakhs
6.	Chain link fencing to the tree plantation @ Kosapalayam	03.01.2025	9.95 lakhs
7.	Chain link fencing to the tree plntation @ Kosapalayam	03.01.2025	9.890 lakhs
8.	Construction of Cement Concrete Road in Sankari House to Library Street	04.10.2024	9,60,000
9.	Construction of Cement Concrete Road Kosapalayam	23.11.2024	3,71,000
1	Construction of Cement Concrete Drainage	01.05.2022	9,83,000
0.	Thirukkunam Colony Second Street	& 30.9.2024	
1	Construction of Concrete Road in	30.09.2024	9,83,000
1.	Thirukkunnam Colony 4th Street		
1	Construction of Concrete Road in	01.05.2022	9,83,000
2.	Kamatchiyamman Kovil Street to VAO Office Street	& 02.10.2024	
1	Construction of Concrete Road in	02.10.2024	9,75,000
3.	Sakkarapani House to Anbarasan House		

The provisions of the **Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Preparation of Plans**



and Estimates for Works and Mode and Conditions of Contracts) Rules,

1998 govern the execution of works undertaken by Village Panchayats, Panchayat Unions and District Panchayats where such works are funded through Government grants. The said Rules do not apply to works executed by a Village Panchayat out of its own funds. In the present case, the procedure prescribed under the said Rules is applicable. Under the Rules, in respect of works estimated to cost more than ₹1,00,000/-, the District Collector, being the Inspector of Panchayats, is the competent authority to accord administrative sanction. Consequently, the fourth respondent is under a statutory obligation to verify the resolutions passed by the Village Panchayat and forward the same to the first respondent for approval. Admittedly, the fourth respondent has not taken any steps to forward the resolutions to the first respondent for appropriate action.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the fourth respondent to verify the resolutions submitted by the petitioner and forward the same to the first respondent for approval within a period of **two weeks** from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Upon receipt of the resolutions from the fourth respondent, the first respondent shall consider the same and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law, within a period of **two months** thereafter. There shall be **no order as to costs**.

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