



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

CONT P No.1161 of 2026

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.Dr.D.K.Chitra

The Directorate of Medical and Rural
Health Services,
Rep by its Director,
No.359, DMS Complex,
361, Anna Salai,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 006.

2.Mrs.A.Jayanthi,

The Health and Family Welfare Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by its the Additional Chief Secretary,
Chennai – 600 009.

3.Ms.Poonam Meena

The Public Grievance Officer,
Rep by its Deputy Director W & PG,
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare,
Government of India,
Room No.402-D, Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi – 110 011.

4.Dr.Subrahmanyam Jaishankar,

The Protector of Emigrants,
Rep by its Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
Rayala Towers, Tower 2, 4th Floor,
Anna Salai, Chennai – 600 078.



5. Dr. S. Jaishankar,
The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs,
Government of India,
Rep by its Secretary,
Akbar Bhavan, Chanakya Puri,
New Delhi – 110 021.

..Respondent(s)

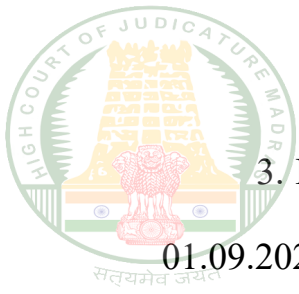
Prayer: Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, seeking to punish the Respondent for having wilfully disobeyed the order dated 04.04.2025 passed in W.P.No.12052 of 2025.

For Petitioner(s):	M/s.U.Gowri Shanar
For Contemnor(s):	M/s.A.Suganya for R1 and R2 Mr.N.Sivaprakash Central Government Counsel for R5

ORDER

The Contempt Petition has been filed complaining of the wilful disobedience of the order of this Court dated 04.04.2025 passed in W.P.No.12052 of 2025.

2. A perusal of the order shows that, in the Writ Petition, this Court had directed the 4th respondent to take up the representation of the petitioner for enquiry, and the said authority under the Ministry of External Affairs was directed to write to the Embassy requesting it to give the petitioner one more chance to appear for the medical fitness test.



3. It is submitted that, pursuant to the said direction, a Note Verbal dated 01.09.2025 was forwarded to the concerned Embassy. A perusal of the same shows that it has been categorically stated that the petitioner is completely fit and has undergone similar medical tests in other Government as well as private diagnostic centres, which have declared her to be fit, and a request has been made to consider her case.

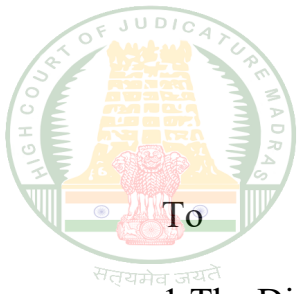
4. Therefore, it is for the Embassy of Kuwait to consider the case of the petitioner. This Court cannot issue any direction to a foreign sovereign in exercise of its contempt jurisdiction or in exercise of its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for granting an employment opportunity to the petitioner.

5. Therefore, noting that the order has been complied with, the Contempt Petition stands closed. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to write to the concerned Embassy and ventilate her grievances.

6. This Contempt Petition stands closed.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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