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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 25715 of 2025

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Retailers Association of India
Rep. By Its Authorized Signatory,
Mr. Venkataraman D,
Having its Registered Office at
111/112, Ascot Centre, Sahar Road,
Sahar, Andheri (East), Mumbai-400 099.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Department of Labour and Skill
Development,
Rep by the Secretary,
DMS Campus, Teynampet,
Chennai-600 006.
2. The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Building, Poonamallee High Road,
Chennai-600 003.
3. The District Collector
Chennai District, Rajaji Salai, Fourth Floor,
62, Beach Road, George Town,
Chennai-600 001

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India may be pleased to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the first respondent pertaining to impugned Letter No.4122/K2/2025-1 dated 11.06.2025 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents grant



extension of time for a period of One Year to change the name boards of the shops to display the name board in Tamil as per the Rules and Regulations of Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Rules 1948.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.Vijayan Subramanian

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Chakkaravarthy
Government counsel For R1 and R3

R2 – No appearance

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed for Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the first respondent pertaining to impugned Letter No.4122/K2/2025-1 dated 11.06.2025 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents grant extension of time for a period of One Year to change the name boards of the shops to display the name board in Tamil as per the Rules and Regulations of Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Rules 1948.

2. The grievance of the petitioner is in respect of the impugned order dated 11.06.2025, directing change of name boards through out the State of Tamil Nadu as specified by the Department of Labour. The requirement is that, every retail outlet / establishment, the name board shall be in Tamil language including other languages.



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3. The impugned order is dated 11.06.2025 of the Department of Labour, signed by Secretary to the Government on 12.06.2025.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that they would comply and follow the orders passed, however, seeks three months time from today.

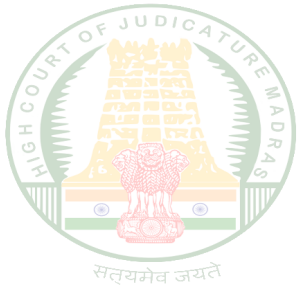
5. Since one year has already lapsed, the petitioners are directed to complete changing the name boards on or before 1st November 2026, as a last chance. Failure to comply, action can be taken by the concerned.

6. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected Writ Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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