



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

**WP No. 27233 of 2026
and W.M.P.Nos.29814 & 29815 of 2026**

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Venkatapuram Ambattur
Chennai 600 053

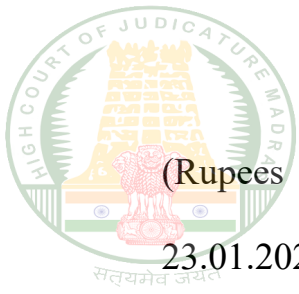
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Managing Director
Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and
Sewerage Board (CMWSSB)
No.1, Pumping station Road,
Chintadripet, Chennai-600 002
2. The Superintending Engineer
Zone VII, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply
and Sewerage Board (CMWSSB)
No.1, Pumping station Road,
Chintadripet, Chennai-600 002
3. The Special Tahsildar (Revenue Recovery)
Zone VII, Ward -81
Vivek Nagar, Venkatapuram,
Ambattur, Chennai-600 053

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of The Constitution of India
praying for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorari, Calling for the records
pertaining to Demand Notice dated 12.06.2025 demanding a sum of Rs.91,091/-



(Rupees Ninety One Thousand and Ninety One) and Dstraint order dated 23.01.2026 for a sum of Rs.1,03,161/- both on the file of the 3rd respondent and consequently quash the same.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Pravesh
for M/s.P.B.Ramanujam Associates

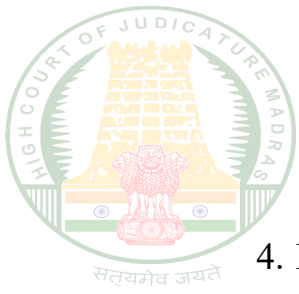
For Respondent(s): Ms.V.Vijayalakshmi, SC

ORDER

A demand notice dated 12.06.2025 and the dstraint order dated 23.01.2026 are challenged *inter alia* on the ground that the petitioner does not have any water connection.

2. Adverting to the particulars relating to demands made in respect of water tax, learned counsel submits that water tax was originally fixed at Rs.5608/- per half year and thereafter reduced to Rs.3858/- on representation from the petitioner. He also submits that it was arbitrarily increased to Rs.5674/- from the first half of 2022-2023.

3. Ms.V.Vijayalakshmi, learned standing counsel, accepts notice for the respondent. She submits that the demand is in relation to arrears over a considerable period.



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4. In response to a question as to when the petitioner last made payment, learned counsel refers to the receipt in relation to demand made in the first and second half of 2018. Therefore, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking equitable relief without discharging liabilities for a considerable period of time. Consequently, I am not inclined to entertain this writ petition.

5. Therefore, this writ petition is dismissed by leaving it open to the petitioner to avail of statutory remedies. Consequently, connected writ miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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