



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

WP No. 27989 of 2025

and

WMP No.31389 of 2025

K.Indirajit

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director Of Municipal Administration
75, Urban Administrative Building,
Santhome High Road, MRC Nagar,
Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai-600 028
2. The Regional Director Of Municipal
Administration, Vellore
3. The Municipal Commissioner
Ulundurpet Municipality, Ulundurpet,
Kallakurichi District.
4. The Overseers
Ulundurpet Municipality, Ulundurpet,
Kallakurichi District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of mandamus directing the 3rd and 4th respondents to consider and to pass order upon the petitioner's representation dated 02.07.2025, to settle Rs.52.6 Lakh towards charges for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Ground Levelling Report submitted by the petitioner, within a reasonable time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner(s):

S.Natarajan

For Respondent(s):

Mr.C.Prabakaran,

Government Counsel for R1and R2

Mr.T.Seenivasan for R3 and R4



ORDER

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The present writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing respondents 3 and 4 to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 02.07.2025 and to settle a sum of Rs.52.60 lakhs claimed towards charges for the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and Ground Levelling Report allegedly prepared and submitted by the petitioner.

1. The petitioner's case is that, pursuant to the oral instructions of the Municipal Commissioner, Ulundurpet Municipality, he prepared and submitted a Detailed Project Report identifying measures for augmenting drinking water sources with a view to securing funds under the *Kalaighar Nagarpura Mempoattu Thittam*. According to the petitioner, the report, along with the estimated cost, was submitted to the Municipal Commissioner and was approved by the Municipal Commissioner, the Municipal Engineer and the Overseer.
2. Per contra, learned counsel appearing for the Municipality submitted that the work of preparing the Detailed Project Report was never entrusted to the petitioner. It was submitted that a tender notification dated 06.05.2025 was issued inviting bids for the said work, pursuant to which the contract was awarded to M/s. R.K. Constructions, Mangalampettai, Virudhachalam, being the lowest bidder. It was further submitted that the successful bidder has completed a substantial portion of the work and has



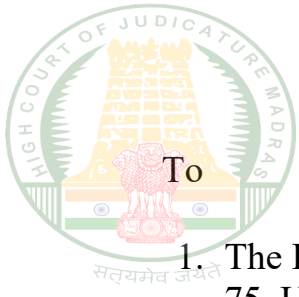
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been paid in accordance with the terms of the contract. Therefore, in the absence of any contractual relationship between the petitioner and the respondents, the petitioner's claim for payment on the premise that he had prepared the Detailed Project Report is wholly untenable.

3. In the light of the rival submissions, this Court is not inclined to adjudicate upon the disputed questions of fact arising between the parties in exercise of its jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. However, having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the rival claims, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the third respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 02.07.2025, on its own merits and in accordance with law, after affording the petitioner an opportunity of hearing, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.
4. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR, J.

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