



W.P.No.28147 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 20.07.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P.No.28147 of 2026
and
W.M.P.Nos.30809 & 30814 of 2026

The Tamil Nadu Driving School Owners Federation
(Regd.No.559/2006)
Rep. By its President
No.6, Velayudha Street, Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600 034.

... Petitioner

vs.

1. State
Represented by the
Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Home (Transport-VII) Department
Fort St.George
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Transport and Road Safety Commissioner
Guindy, Chennai-600 032.
3. Union of India
Represented by the Secretary to Government
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
Transport Bhawan
1, Parliament Street,
New Delhi 110 001.

... Respondents



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WEB COPY Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records of the 2nd respondent, pertaining to the proceedings made in Proces.No.16500/B3/2025 dated 03.09.2025 and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Palani
For Respondents : Mr.P.Siddarth
Government Counsel, for R1 & R2
Mr.J.Vasu,
Senior Panel Counsel, for R3

ORDER

The petitioner, Tamil Nadu Driving Schools Owners Federation, a registered association, challenges the order dated 03.09.2025 issued by the second respondent, whereby a sum of Rs.1,27,34,000/- was sanctioned to the respective District Collectors for execution of civil works relating to the establishment of Automated Driving Test Tracks in the Regional Transport Offices.

2. The petitioner contends that the impugned order is contrary to Rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, inasmuch as it allegedly



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authorises the Regional Transport Officers to conduct driving tests in a manner inconsistent with the said Rule.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

4. A plain reading of the impugned order shows that it merely sanctions funds to the District Collectors for carrying out civil works required for establishing Automated Driving Test Tracks. The order does not contain any direction regarding the manner, mode or procedure for conducting driving tests. It neither modifies nor overrides the procedure prescribed under Rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

5. In such circumstances, the apprehension of the petitioner that the impugned order authorises the Regional Transport Officers to conduct driving tests contrary to Rule 15 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules is wholly misconceived and without any factual basis. The challenge to the impugned order is, therefore, unsustainable.



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6. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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