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W.P.No.31554 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.08.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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Nethaji Arcot Municipal Kadai Viyabarigal Association
Represented by its Secretary
Mr.M.Baskaran

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Commissioner of Municipal Administration
11th Floor, Urban Administrative Campus
Santhome High Road, MRC Nagar,
Chennai-600 028.
2. The Regional Director of Municipal Administration
Municipal Administration
Kakithapattarai
Vellore-12.
3. The Commissioner
Arcot Municipality
Arcot 632 503
Ranipet District.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying a writ of Mandamus, directing the 3rd respondent to consider the petitioner Associations' representation dated 20.06.2026 and consequently, direct the 3rd respondent to refund the licence amount paid by the members of



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the petitioner Association in terms of G.O.(D) No.337, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 16.06.2023 along with interest from the date it became due until the date of actual payment.

For Petitioner : Ms.S.Hemalatha

For Respondents : Mr.S.Sriram
Government Advocate
for R1 & R2
Mr.P.Srinivas,
Standing Counsel, for R3

ORDER

Mr. S. Sriram, learned Government Advocate, accepts notice for respondents 1 and 2. Mr. P. Srinivas, learned Standing Counsel, accepts notice for the third respondent.

2. The petitioner seeks a direction to the third respondent to consider the petitioner-Association's representation dated 20.06.2026 and to refund the licence amount paid by its members in terms of G.O.(D) No.337, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 16.06.2023, along with interest.



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3. The petitioner states that its members were allotted shops by the third respondent. During the subsistence of the licence, the licences were terminated on the ground that new shops were to be constructed. The petitioner claims that its members are entitled to a refund of the licence amount, as the Government, under the aforesaid Government Order, had decided to waive the lease/rental amount during the Covid-19 pandemic.

4. According to the petitioner-Association, a representation dated 20.06.2026 was submitted seeking refund of the licence amount. The petitioner's grievance is that the said representation has not been considered so far.

5. The learned Standing Counsel for the third respondent submits that the petitioner's representation dated 20.06.2026 will be considered in accordance with law within the time stipulated by this Court.



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6. Recording the said submission, the Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the third respondent to consider the petitioner-Association's representation dated 20.06.2026, in terms of G.O.(D) No.337, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 16.06.2023, on its own merits and in accordance with law, and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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Speaking / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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