



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

CONT P No. 4094 & 4252 of 2025

and

CONT P No. 537, 539, 541 & 935 of 2026

Cont.P.No.4094 of 2025

S.Sivaramakrishnan,
S/o. V.Subramaniam,
No. 85/A, Sri Ganesh Nagar,
Athanamcherry Padapai,
Kanchipuram District
Pin - 601 301.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Tmt. R.Gajalakshmi, I.A.S.,
The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation
Ltd.,
No. 485, Anna Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai - 600 035.

..Contemnor(s)

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D.Padmanabhan
S/o. M.Deivasigamani,
No.34/18, Lakshmi Amman Koil Street,
Perambur,
Chennai - 600011.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

R.Gajalakshmi, I.A.S.,
The Managing Director,
TamilNadu Fisheries Development Corporation



Ltd.,
No.485, Anna Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai - 600 035.

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CONT P No. 537 of 2026

1. Tmt. Tamilarasi and another
W/o. Late V.Sundaram,
2. Mrs. M.Gayathree
Daughter of V.Sundaram
(Respondents Nos 6.1 and 6.2 in SLP (C) Nos
006507 to 006518 of 2021)
Both are legal heirs of late V.Sundaram,
(Respondent No.2 in W.A.No. 1167 of 2011
And residing at No. 23, Mattu kazhani Street,
Adambakkam,
Chennai - 600 088.

Vs

Tmt.R.Gajalakshmi, I.A.S.,
Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation
Ltd.,
No. 485, Anna Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035.

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1. Mrs. Irudaya Mary and 2 others
W/o. Late. T.Lawrence
2. Ms. L.Joya Arokia Mary
D/o. Late. T.Lawrence
Both are residing at
No. 39/14, Minor Trustpuram
3rd Cross Street,
Kodambakkam,
Chennai - 600 024.
3. Thiru. L.John Thomas
S/o. Late T.Lawrence
No. 44/7, Kolamamari Amman Street,
T.Nagar,
Chennai - 600 017. (Respondents nos. 4.1, 4.2
and 4.3 in

..Contemnor(s)



SL (C) Nos. 006507 to 006518 of 2021)
All are Legal Heirs of
Late T.Lawrence (Respondent in W.A.No.
1165 of 2011)
Ex.Employee of Tamil Nadu
Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd.,
Chennai - 35.

Vs

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Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation
Ltd.,
No. 485, Anna Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035.

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1. Tmt. P.Vasanthakumari and 4 others
W/o. Late C.P.Pandian
2. P.Venkataraman
S/o. of C.P.Pandian,
Both are residing at
Flat SD, S.S.Arjuna Apartments,
VGP Rajesh Nagar 1st Street,
Pallikaranai,
Chennai - 600 100.
3. Tmt. P.Chitra
D/o. C.P.Pandian,
Sri Sai Apartments
No. 53/51, 3rd Street, Rajanagar,
S.Kolathur, Kovilambakkam,
Chennai 600 129.
4. Tmt. P.Jamuna,
D/o. C.P.Pandian,
No. 178-A, KVR Manor,
7th Cross Street, Kamakotinagar,
Pallikarani,
Chennai 600 100.
5. Tmt. P.Indira,
D/o. C.P.Pandian,



No. 5, Flat CC, SaiAsheervad Apartments,
1st Street, SriKarumari Amman Nagar,
Velachery,
Chennai - 600 042.

All are Legal Heirs of
Late C.P.Pandian (Respondent in W.A.No.
1163 of 2011)
Ex. Employee of Tamil Nadu
Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd.,
Chennai - 35.

Vs

Tmt. R.Gajalakshmi, IAS.,
Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation
Ltd.,
No. 485, Anna Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035.

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1. G.Senthil and 2 others
S/o. Late M.Gandhi,
No. 6/875, Thiruvalluvar Nagar,
Siruvachur and P.O.,
Thalaivasa Taulk,
Salem District - 636 112.
2. S.Muthamilselvi
D/o. Late M.Gandhi,
No. 12280/1, Anna Nagar,
Ramanaickenpalayam,
Attur Taluk,
Salem District - 636 108.
3. R.Jayabharathi
D/o. Late M.Gandhi,
39, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar,
Mel Ayanambakkam,
Thiruvallur District - 600 095.

All are Legal Heirs of



Late M.Gandhi
(Respondent in W.A.No.1171 of 2011)
Ex.Employee of Tamil Nadu,
Fisheries Development Corporation Ltd.,
Chennai - 35.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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The Managing Director,
TamilNadu Fisheries Development
Corporation Ltd.,
No. 485, Anna Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai - 600 035.

..Contemnor(s)

CONT P No. 4094 of 2025

To commit and punish the respondent for committing gross contempt of this Hon'ble Court by deliberately willfully disobeying the order of this Hon'ble Court made in W.A.No. 1172 of 2011 dated 05.02.2020

CONT P No. 4252 of 2025

To commit and punish the respondent for committing gross contempt of this Hon'ble Court made in W.A.No.1162 of 2011 dated 05.02.2020 with heavy costs.

CONT P No. 537 of 2026

To commit and punish the respondent for committing gross contempt of this Hon'ble Court by deliberately willfully disobeying the order of this Hon'ble Court made in W.A.No. 1167 of 2011 dated 05.02.2020

CONT P No. 539 of 2026

To commit and punish the respondent for committing gross contempt of this Hon'ble Court by deliberately willfully disobeying the order of this Hon'ble Court made in W.A.No. 1167 of 2011 dated 05.02.2020

CONT P No. 541 of 2026

To commit and punish the respondent for committing gross contempt of this Hon'ble Court by deliberately willfully disobeying the order of



this Hon'ble Court made in W.A.No. 1163 of 2011 dated 05.02.2020

CONT P No. 935 of 2026

To punish the respondent for committing gross contempt of this Hon'ble Court by deliberately willfully disobeying the order of this Hon'ble Court made in W.A.No. 1171 of 2011 dated 05.02.2020

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.M.Ramesh,
Senior Counsel
for Mr.S.Ayyathurai

For Contemnor(s): Mr.Hajanazirudeen,
Addl.Advocate General
asst. by
Mr.R.Kumaravel,
Addl.G.P.

COMMON ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

The present contempt petitions have been instituted to punish the respondents for their wilful disobedience of the orders of this Court dated 05.02.2020 passed in W.A.Nos.1162, 1163, 1165, 1167, 1171 & 1172 of 2011.

2. Mr.K.M.Ramesh, learned Senior Counsel would mainly contend that the present contempt petitions have been instituted pursuant to the order dated 15.12.2021 passed in the Contempt Petition Nos.230, 346 to 354 of 2021. In the said order, this Court granted liberty to the petitioners to file contempt petitions in the event of their succeeding in the Special Leave Petitions pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The Hon'ble Supreme



Court passed a final orders on 20.05.2025 in S.L.Ps. Paragraph Nos.7 and 8 of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court are extracted hereunder

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7. The petitioner's has deposited Rs.30,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty lakh) only in terms of a previous order of this Court dated 12.11.2021 with the Registry. Such amount, along with accrued interest thereon, shall be distributed equally amongst the said twelve workmen in accordance with law, as and when an approach in that behalf is made.

8. The said twelve workmen shall be at liberty to approach the Labour Court under Section 33-C(2) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 for quantification of their dues. If such an approach is made, the Labour Court shall decide the claim in accordance to law.

3. Learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the respondents would mainly contend that with reference to the pleadings filed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Court considered and in paragraph 7 directed to disburse the deposited amount of Rs.30 lakhs equally amongst twelve workmen in accordance with law. In paragraph No.8, the Hon'ble Apex Court granted liberty to the workmen to approach the Labour Court under Section 33-C(1) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, for quantification of their dues, if it is over and above Rs.30 lakhs which was directed to be paid to twelve workmen. In view of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the present contempt petitions are not entertainable and the petitioners have to approach the Labour Curt concerned by an instituting appropriate petition under Section 33(C)(1) of the Industrial Disputes Act.



4. Learned Senior counsel would submit that the workmen will file petitions within a short span of time.

5. If any such petition is filed, the Labour Court is requested to entertain the claim petition without reference to limitation and decide the matter on merits as expeditiously as possible. Accordingly, the Contempt Petitions stand disposed of. No costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (K.S.,J.)
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