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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **24.02.2026**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **DR.JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN**
AND
THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN**

W.P.(MD)No.966 of 2026
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.763 of 2026

K.K.Ramesh

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Union of India,
Rep. by its Home Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 2.The Union of India, Rep. By its Secretary,
Ministry of Labour and Employment,
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi-110001.
- 3.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By its Home Secretary,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.
- 4.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep By its Secretary,
Labour Welfare and Skill Development Department,
Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai 600 009.



5. The Commissioner,
Commissioner of Labour,
D.M.S. Campus,
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 006.

6. The Secretary,
State Planning Commission,
Ezhilagam, Chempauk,
Chennai-600 005.

7. The Director General of Police,
Dr. Radhakrishna Salai,
Chennai.

...Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to instruct the respondents to a) To ensure the safety of migrant workers in Tamil Nadu, the government must take several measures, including forming committees, implementing welfare schemes, raising awareness, and simplifying the grievance redressal mechanism. Government bodies such as the Labour Department and the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (TNSH) must work in coordination to ensure their employment, accommodation, health, and social security. b) To The Government of Tamil Nadu should conduct a comprehensive statewide survey to examine the conditions of migrant workers, monitor their migration patterns, employment, livelihood and safety, and undertake studies and measures to protect their interest, develop specific welfare schemes and address shortcomings in social security. c) to through the 'one nation, one ration card' scheme, migrant workers must be ensured access to food grains at their place of work. d) by considering the petitioner's representation dated 31.12.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.T.R.Subramanian
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar (R3 to R6)
Government Pleader
Mr.K.Gnanasekaran (R7)
Government Advocate
Mr.K.P.Krsihnados (R1 & R2)

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **DR.G.JAYACHANDRAN, J.**)

After sending a representation to the respondents herein, the petitioner herein claiming himself as a public-interested person, has filed instant writ petition seeking following directions by way of mandamus:-

a) To ensure the safety of migrant workers in Tamil Nadu, the government must take several measures, including forming committees, implementing welfare schemes, raising awareness, and simplifying the grievance redressal mechanism. Government bodies such as the Labour Department and the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (TNSH) must work in coordination to ensure their employment, accommodation, health, and social security.

b) To The Government of Tamil Nadu should conduct a comprehensive statewide survey to examine the conditions of migrant workers, monitor their migration patterns, employment, livelihood and safety, and undertake studies and measures to protect their interest, develop specific welfare schemes and address shortcomings in social security.



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c)to through the 'one nation, one ration card' scheme, migrant workers must be ensured access to food grains at their place of work. d)by considering the petitioner's representation dated 31.12.2025.”

2.Though the prayer is intended to protect the interest of the migrant labourers, such a vague representation and prayer made through public interest litigation, cannot be entertained. Hence, this writ petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

[G.J., J.] & [K.K.R.K., J.]
24.02.2026

Index :Yes/No
Internet :Yes
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To

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