

WP(MD)No.11641 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 02.07.2026

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN  
AND  
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL**

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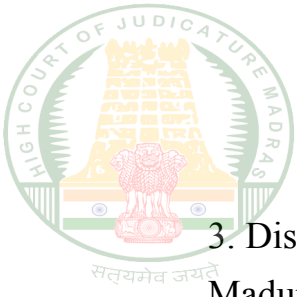
R.Sakkarai Mohammed  
S/o. Raja Mohammed,  
74a, Paramaguru Street,  
Ambalakaranpatti,  
Uthangudi Post,  
Madurai – 625107.

... Petitioner

- Vs. -

1. The Principal Secretary to Government  
Environment and Forest Department,  
State of TN Secretariat,  
Fort.St.George,  
Chennai – 600009.

2. The District Collector,  
O/o. the District Collectorate,  
Madurai - 625020.



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3. District Forest Officer,  
Madurai Division,  
No.2, Race Course Road,  
Madurai – 625002.

... Respondents

Prayer in WP(MD). 11641/ 2020 :Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court To issue WRIT of Mandamus or any other writ or direction or order in the nature of writ, directing the respondents to renovate the infrastructure and pathway leading to Kutladampatti Falls located in Vadipatti Tk, Madurai Dt in and expedite Manner.

For Petitioner : M/s.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.M.Kannan for R1 to R3  
Counsel for State

### **ORDER**

(Order of the Court was made by C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J.)

The writ petition had been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to renovate the infrastructure and pathway leading to Kutladampatti Falls located in Vadipatti Taluk, Madurai District.

2. It had been contended in the writ petition that the waterfalls is one of the main tourist destination in Madurai. It had been stated that however,

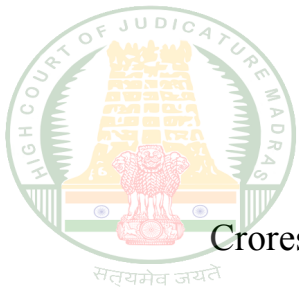


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during Ghaja cyclone in the year 2018, the surrounding area of constructions done by the Government were severely damaged and therefore, it was not possible for access for the general public. It is under those circumstances that after giving representation, the writ petition has been filed.

3. A counter affidavit had been filed by the third respondent/District Forest Officer, Madurai Division, wherein, he had stated that during the Ghaja cyclone, a huge rock weighing more than 2 tonnes fell down and completely shattered the bathing platform and also the pathway leading to the waterfalls and therefore, it is not safe to any tourist to visit.

4. In view of that fact, a ban had been imposed for the general public to use the water falls. It had been stated that the forest department at Madurai reported to the Government about the damage and had sought funds to renovate the damaged area, in communication of the District Forest Officer dated 19.11.2018 and 12.11.2018. A further instruction had been obtained from the District Forest Officer, Madurai, wherein, it had been stated that administrative sanction had been accorded for a sum of Rs.2.93



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(T3-2) Department, dated 04.09.2025. A detailed project report was submitted to the Conservator of Forest and Field Director, SMTR, Madurai and the same was verified and approved by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests. Thereafter e-tender had been floated, notices had also been issued. There were three tenders which had been floated, the date on which are as follows:

| S.No             | Duration of Tender    | Date of Floating of tender | Last date for submission of bid | Date of opening of technical bid | Remarks                                                                                                      |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| First tender     |                       |                            |                                 |                                  |                                                                                                              |
| 1                | 8 days (short tender) | 26.02.2026                 | 05.03.2026                      | 06.03.2026                       | No one had bidden for the work, re tender called for, for the above work on 12.03.2026                       |
| First re-tender  |                       |                            |                                 |                                  |                                                                                                              |
| 2                | 8 days (short tender) | 12.03.2026                 | 18.03.2026                      | 19.03.2026                       | Only one person has bidden and the tender is not opened and re-tender called for, for the work on 14.05.2026 |
| Second re-tender |                       |                            |                                 |                                  |                                                                                                              |
| 3                | 15 days               | 14.05.2026                 | 28.05.2026                      | 29.05.2026                       | Only one person has bidden and the tender is not opened                                                      |

It had been further stated that initially e-tender was floated for a period of eight days, since the work had to be completed before the start of monsoon period and to show some financial progress as the end of financial year was



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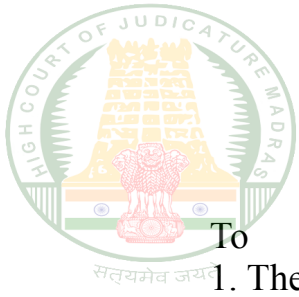
approaching. The e-tender was processed for a period of 8 days by getting approval from the Conservator of Forests and Field Director, Srivilliputhur, Megamalai Tiger Reserve, Madurai. During the second time e-tender, election model code of conduct was announced on 15.03.2026. Hence, e-tender was not processed. During the third time, e-tender was floated for a period of 15 days. Only one bidder participated in the tender.

5. It had been stated that therefore effective steps had been taken to repair the damaged waterfalls and the pathway.

6. Recording the above report, the writ petition stands closed with a direction to the respondents to continue with their efforts to float tenders to set right the damaged area and the pathway and the falls and open it up for tourist after they are repaired. No costs.

(C.V.K.,J.) (R.S.V,J.)  
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