

W.P(MD)No.12625 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 17.07.2026

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE P.VADAMALAI**

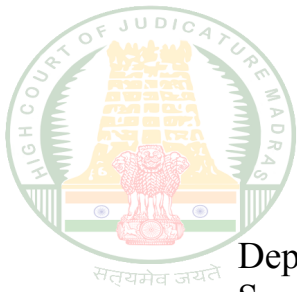
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and
W.M.P.(MD)Nos.10758 and 10759 of 2020

The President,
Kondagupatty Village Panchayat,
Thaadhakoundanpatty Post,
Manaparai Taluk,
Trichy District.

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Jal Sakthi,
Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation,
4th Floor, Pandit Dheenadayal Antodaya Bhawan,
New Delhi.
- 2.The Additional Secretary and Mission Director,
National Jal Jeevan Mission,
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- 3.The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,



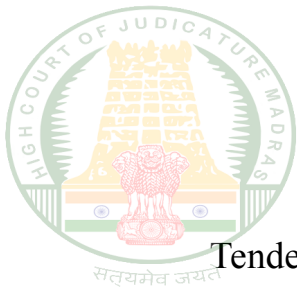
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Department of Rural Development and Panchayart Raj,
Secretariat, Chennai.

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- 4.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board,
TWAD House, No.31, Kamarajar Salai,
Cheppauk, Chennai- 5.
- 5.Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Directorate of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Building, Panagal Maligai, 4th and 5h Street,
Abdul Razzak Street, Saidapet, Chennai.
- 6.The District Collector,
District Rural Development Agency
Trichy.
- 7.The Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency,
Trichy.
- 8.P. Sekar ... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned Government Order in G.O.Ms.No.111, Rural Development and Panchayart Raj (CGS1) Department dated 16.06.2020 issued by the 3rd respondent and quash the Clause 17 (III) of the Annexure empowering the BDO (VP) as Tender inviting authority and BDO (VP)/ District Collector/DRD and PR as



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Tender Accepting authority and quash the same as illegal and arbitrary and in consequence thereof direct the respondents 3,5 to 7 to recognise the rights of the President of the Village Panchayat as authority to conduct the tender virtue of the relevant provisions of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 and Rules made thereunder.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian

For Respondents : Mr.P.Rajagopalan,
Government Advocate for R3 to R7.
Mr.Kuttalanathan,
Central Govt. Standing Counsel for R1 & R2.
Mr.R.Maheswaran for R8

ORDER

(Order of the Court was delivered by G.R.Swaminathan, J.)

Heard both sides.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner informed the Court that the legal issue raised in the writ petition need not be gone into at this stage as the matter appears to have become infructuous. Liberty is given to the petitioner to raise it later, if necessary.

3.This writ petition is closed accordingly. No costs.



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Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

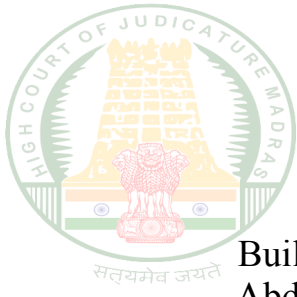
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