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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.09.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKEVALU

W.P.No.2463 of 2021

M.Karpagam

...Petitioner

Vs

- 1.Commissionerate for the Welfare of Differently Abled
No.5 Kamarajar Salai
Lady wellington College Campus
Chennai 600005
- 2.The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George, Chennai-9
- 3.District Differently Abled Welfare Officer
Forest Office Building
D.M.S Compound, Chennai 600006.
- 4.District Differently Abled Welfare Officer
G.S.T Road (Near Court)
Kancheepuram District
At Chengalpattu 603 001.
- 5.District Differently Abled Welfare Office
Collectorate Complex
Thiruvallur.
- 6.District Differently Abled Welfare Office
District Panchayat Office Complex
Perumalsamy Building(Ground Floor)
Officer's Line (Opp to Muslim School)
Vellore.
- 7.District Differently Abled Welfare Office
District Panchayat Office Complex
Ground Floor, Collector Nagar
Thiruvannamalai 606 604.
- 8.District Differently Abled Welfare Office
37 Ramodass Road
Pudupalayam, Cuddalore 607 001.



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Collectors Office Complex
Villupuram.

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Dharmapuri.

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146 Venkatesapuram Extention
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Backside of the District Judicial Court
Near Sub Treasury Office, Contonment
Trichy 620 001



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21. District Differently Abled Welfare Office
Permbalur Collectorate Campus
Perambalur.-621 212.

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Near M.L.A, Office, Pudukottai

23. District Differently Abled Welfare Office
Subramanyapuram,
Villapuram Post, Housing Unit
Madurai-11

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Room No.4 Collectorate Campus
Dindugal.

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Collectorate Complex
Pattinamkathan, Ramanathapuram

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Collector Office Complex
Maruthupandi Nagar, Sivakangai-623 560

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D.Wing, Krishnagiri.



32. District Differently Abled Welfare Office
Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer
Ariyalur.

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33. District Differently Abled Welfare Office
Collectorate Office Campus
Tirupur.

34. The District Collector
Collectorate Building
Ariyalur District

35. The District Collector of Chennai
Singaravelar Maligai, Rajaji Salai
Chennai-600 001.

36. The District Collector
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Thanjavur District, Thanjavur.

37. The District Collector
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38. The District Collector
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Navalpur, Ranipet-632401
47. The District Collector
Collectorate, Kallakurichi-605202
48. The District Collector
Collectorate Government Garden
Tirupathur-635601
49. The District Collector
Raja Colony, Tiruchirappalli - 620001
Tamil Nadu.
50. The District Collector
Ist Floor, Salam Main Road
Near Superintendent Of Police Office
Tamil Nadu
51. The District Collector
Mandapam Road, Kadampa Nagar
Sakkarakottai, Ramanathapuram
Tamil Nadu 623503
52. The District Collector
State Highway 96, opp. District Court
Palayapalayam - 638011, Tamil Nadu.
53. The District Collector
Collectorate RD, Namakkal
Tamil Nadu 637001
54. The District Collector
First Floor, Collectorate,
Nagapattinam-611001
55. The District Collector
7/1 State Bank Rd
Gopalapuram, Coimbatore - 641018
Tamil Nadu.



56.The District Collector
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Tamil Nadu.

59.The District Collector
Theni- Madurai Highway Karuvel
Bommi Nayakanpattu,
Theni District - 625531,
Tamil Nadu.

60.The District Collector
Master Plan Complex, Nagapattinam Road,
Thiruvarur - 610004, Tamil Nadu.

61.The District Collector
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Udhagamandalam-643001
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Salem - 636001,
Tamil Nadu.

63.The District Collector
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64.The District Collector
Master Plan Complex NH 205
Chennai-Tiruttani Highway
Thiruvallur - 602001,
Tamil Nadu.

...Respondents

Prayer : Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to make all the government offices of all department in the State of Tamil Nadu accessible to person with disability will facilities including water, toilets and other basic facilities.



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For the Petitioner : Mr.R.Prabhakaran
For the Respondents : Mr.P.Muthukumar
State Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petition pertains to making all public buildings across the State accessible to persons with disabilities.

2. Pursuant to the previous order of July 5, 2021, an access audit report has been produced. Such report indicates how special access measures have been provided at various public buildings across the State of Tamil Nadu. An affidavit has also been filed on behalf of the Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities and the Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled. It appears that several public buildings in the State have complied with the guidelines pertaining to access to persons with disabilities, including toilets being installed for such purpose.

3. Mr.P.Muthukumar, learned Government Pleader appearing for the State, says that guidelines and instructions have been issued now to ensure that within the next year all public buildings across the State, except heritage buildings, get appropriate equipment and construction installed that makes such buildings accessible to persons with disabilities.

4. The State's status report indicates that the cut-off date would be in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the relevant date would be June 15, 2022.

5. In view of such submission, nothing further needs to be done on this petition except to record that the measures adopted by the State for making all public buildings accessible by persons with disabilities should be put in place within a year from date, failing which the office-bearers in the appropriate department of the State may be proceeded against.

6. W.P.No.2463 of 2021 is disposed of without any order as to costs. W.M.P.Nos.2776 and 2777 of 2021 are closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (CS-VI)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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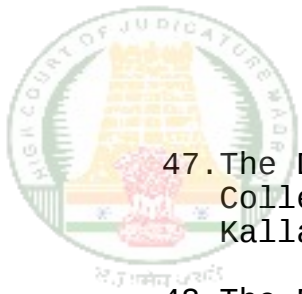


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