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W.P.(MD) No.12890 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 29.07.2021

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and

THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE S.ANANTHI

W.P. (MD) No.12890 of 2021

and

W.M.P. (MD) No.9968 of 2021

T.Ravichandiran

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep.by its Secretary
Department of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009
Tamil Nadu
- 2.The Director
Director of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj
Panagal Building
Saidapet, Chennai-15
- 3.District Collector cum Chairman
District Rural Development Agency
District Collectorate
Sivagangai-630 562
Sivagangai District
- 4.The District Project Director
Department of Rural Development
District Collectorate
Sivagangai-630 562
Sivagangai District
- 5.The Block Development Officer
Kallal Block, Kallal Main Road
Kallal-630 305, Sivagangai District
- 6.The President
Village Panchayat
Panangudi Panchayat
Panangudi Post
Sivagangai District-630 555



7.J.Muthuraman
Panchayat Clerk
Panangudi Panchayat
Panangudi Village
Kallal Block, Sivagangai District

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents herein to identify the Veerayan Kanmai Thadupanai (Check dam) claiming to have been constructed under the MGNREG scheme in the work order (2925009031/World Cup/290467639 in Panangudi Village, Kallal Block, Sivagangai District to the tune 4.6 lakhs and further to enquire and take appropriate action against the officers involved in the construction of Veerayan Kanmai Thadupanai (Check dam) in Panangudi Village, Kallal Block, Sivagangai District under the MGNREG scheme in the work order (2925009031/World Cup/290467639.

For Petitioner : Ms.Amala.A.

For Respondents : Mr.A.K.Manickam
Standing Counsel for State for R1 to R4

O R D E R

[Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble CHIEF JUSTICE]

Mr.A.K.Manickam, learned Government Advocate appearing for the State, takes notice on behalf of the respondents 1 to 4.

2. The petitioner complains of perceived irregularities in the allotment of public funds to the tune of Rs.4.6 lakh in the construction of a check dam in the Veerayan Kanmai under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

3. Apart from the fact that only vague and sweeping allegations have been made, it may not be necessary to conduct a full-fledged witch-hunt, particularly as the quantum involved is to the tune of Rs.4.6 lakh. That is not to suggest that public money of such value may be squandered, but only to emphasise that the scrutiny that is necessary upon the petitioner complaining of irregularities, may be conducted at a different level and may not require any monitoring by the Court.

4. Accordingly, the second respondent Director of Rural Development is directed to conduct an audit of the accounts pertaining to the construction of the check dam by a certified auditor and place the audit report before the Collector of Sivagangai for the Collector to take or suggest necessary action, if any anomaly is discovered.



5. Copies of the petition and this order will also be forwarded to the other respondents.

6. W.P.(MD) No.12890 of 2021 is disposed of, without any order as to costs. W.M.P.(MD) No.9968 of 2021 is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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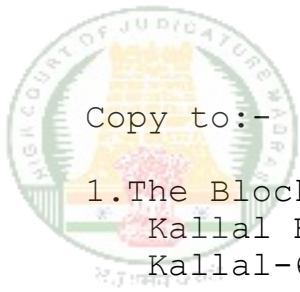
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+1 CC to M/s.A.AMALA, Advocate (SR-24752[F] dated 30/07/2021)

+1 CC to M/s.GP (SR-24942[F] dated 02/08/2021)

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