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W.P.No.17400 of 2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.01.2024

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM**

W.P.No.17400 of 2020  
and  
W.M.P.No.21576 of 2020

R.Lakshmi

... Petitioner

**Vs.**

The Divisional Manager,  
Indian Oil Corporation Limited,  
Salem Divisional Office,  
No.234, 1st Floor NH-7,  
Salem Bangalore By-pass Road,  
Kondalampatti Salem-636010.

... Respondents

**Prayer :-** Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order of the respondent, sent by E-mail dated 27.11.2019 bearing Ref.No.15451256296345 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to install the Retail Outlet Dealership (Petrol Pump) at Kalleripatti Salem District, by issuing necessary order / instruction.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Thendran for  
M/s.C.S. Associates



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For Respondents : Mr.V.Anantha Natarajan,  
Senior Counsel

## **ORDER**

The order of rejection of application for Retail Outlet Dealership is under challenge in the present writ petition.

2. Admittedly, the petitioner submitted an application for award of Retail Outlet Dealership at Kalleripatti District, Salem, under open category, pursuant to the advertisement dated 25.11.2018. The application submitted by the writ petitioner was possessed by the respondents. Field inspection was conducted by the competent authorities. The authorities found that the land offered by the petitioner to run Retail Outlet Dealership is not suitable.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent would submit that electric lines are installed nearby the petitioner's offered land and therefore, the dealership cannot be granted in favour of the writ petitioner. Pertinently, the selection process was completed and the Retail Outlet Dealership was allotted in favour of one Mr.P.Manimurugan, in proceeding dated



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26.09.2020, by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

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4. Since the land offered by the petitioner was not found suitable and his application was rejected, now at this length of time, this Court in exercise of the powers of judicial review, cannot grant relief as such sought for in the present writ petition.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition stands dismissed. However, there shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index : Yes  
Speaking Order  
Neutral Citation : Yes  
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