



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.12.2024

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE **C.V.KARTHIKEYAN**

W.P.No.33910 of 2024

M.Ramalingam

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.Tamil Nadu Public Information Commission,
No.19, Government Farm Village Panepet,
Nandanam,
Chennai – 600 035.

2.Appellate Public Information Officer,
Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency (DRDA),
Cuddalore – 600 001.

3.Public Information Officer,
Block Development Office,
Nallur Village Panchayat,
Nallur, Veppur Taluk,
Cuddalore – 606 302.

4.Assistant Public Information Officer,
Panchayat Secretary Nallur,
Nallur Village, Veppur Taluk,
Cuddalore – 606 302.

.. Respondents



Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to furnish the information sought by the petitioner as mentioned in RTI application dated 11.04.2022 and consequently, directing the first respondent to dispose of the second appeal in S.A.No.12321/F/2022 by imposing penalties on the 2nd to 4th respondent as per Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005 within a stipulated period of time as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	.. Mr.Ezhilarasan
For R1	.. Mr.C.Vigneswaran, Standing Counsel
For R2	.. Mr.V.Nanmaran, Addl. Govt. Pleader
For R3 & R4	.. Mr.C.Jayaprakash, Govt. Advocate

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed in the nature of a Mandamus seeking a direction against the respondent to furnish information as sought in the Right to Information application dated 11.04.2022 and to direct the 1st respondent to dispose of S.A.No.12321/F/2022 and also impose penalty to the 2nd to 4th respondent. The petitioner places reliance on Section 20 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.



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2. In the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition, it had been stated that the petitioner had filed an application under the Right to Information Act before the 3rd respondent, the Public Information Officer, Block Development Office, Nallur Village Panchayat, Cuddalore. But however, the application was never considered and was kept pending.

3. The petitioner then filed an appeal on 30.05.2022 before the 2nd respondent, the Appellate Public Information Officer, Project Director, District Rural Development Agency (DRDA), Cuddalore. The 2nd respondent directed the 3rd respondent to furnish the information. But even after receipt of the said direction on 10.06.2022, the 3rd respondent had not provided the information. It was under those circumstances, that the petitioner had approached this Court by filing the present Writ Petition.

4. Pending the Writ Petition, it is informed by both the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel counsel for the 3rd respondent that necessary information had been granted to the petitioner. As a matter of fact, information had actually been granted earlier but the petitioner had raised



grievances that it was not properly authenticated. The authenticated details had also been granted to the petitioner, which is also acknowledged by the learned counsel. It is also informed that S.A.No.12321/F/2022 had also been disposed of by the 1st respondent.

5.In view of the above statements, no further issue arises for adjudication in this Writ Petition. Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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