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Contempt Petition No.279 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

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The President
Thodukadu Panchayat
Kadambathur Panchayat Union
Thiruvallur District

... Petitioner

Vs.

Dr.Prabhu Shankar IAS
The District Collector of Thiruvallur
(Inspector of Panchayat)
Thiruvallur District

... Respondent

Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, praying to punish the respondent for committing contempt of court for wilfully and deliberately disobeying the order passed by this Court dated 23.06.2023 in W.P.No.18493 of 2023.

For Petitioners : Mr.V.S.Suresh

For Respondents : Mr.P.Kumaresan
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by
Ms.S.Anitha
Special Government Pleader



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ORDER

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“3. Accordingly I enclose herewith the details of collection as per the orders of Hon'ble High Court dated 19.09.2025. As per the statement enclosed, I submit to inform that out of the arrears of Rs.32,58,682/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Two only) already reported, a sum of Rs.25,91,461/- (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs ninety one thousand four hundred and sixty one only) have been collected as per column 5 & 6 during the period from 04.07.2025 to 09.10.2025 and leave the balance of Rs.9,73,127/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred and Twenty Seven only) as per column 8 of the DCB report.

4. I further submit that the Special Officer/Block Development Officer (V.P) Kadambathur has been instructed to take suitable follow up action including conducting meeting for owners of the companies. Also the Block Development Officer (V.P) has been issued warning letter to the factories to pay the arrears.

Hence, it is most humbly prayed that the Hon'ble High Court pleased to kindly consider the efforts made to reduce the arrears from Rs.2,21,79,224/- to a remaining balance of Rs.9,73,127/-. Hence, I request to consider our effort in collecting the huge amount of arrears to the tune of Rs.2,12,06,097/- (Arrear Collection – 95.6%)...”



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2. The above status report is accompanied by a detailed statement showing the arrears and the collection made and the same is scanned and reproduced hereunder:

DCB Report							
Tax Type :: ALL Tax Type				Fin Year :: 2025-2026			
District Name : TIRUVALLUR				Block Name : KADAMBATHUR		Villagepanchayat Name : Thodukadu	
Sl. No	Tax Type	Demand Arrear upto 2024-2025 Fin Year	Arrear Collection				Balance As on 09-10-2025
			Upto 03-07-2025	Collection During 04-07-2025 to 14-08-2025	Collection During 15-08-2025 to 09-10-2025 (online & manual)	Total Arrear Collection	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7=(4+5+6)	8=(3-7)
1	Property tax	89,26,769	81,42,097	40,541	43,246	82,25,884	7,00,885
2	Profession Tax	96,20,855	70,96,839	15,51,316	9,06,958	95,55,113	65,742
3	Trade License	36,31,600	33,75,700	5,300	44,100	34,25,100	2,06,500
Total		2,21,79,224	1,86,14,636	15,97,157	9,94,304	2,12,06,097	9,73,127

Kamal Thirumangan/09-10-2025
Deputy Block Development Officer,
(Zonal-3),
Kadambathur.

Block Development Officer (VP),
Kadambathur.

3. The learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the respondent submitted that in the status report as well as in the tabular column, a sum of Rs.7,00,885/- has been shown as the balance amount to be paid towards property tax. However, by oversight, the property tax that has to be collected from the residential units has been wrongly added. Therefore, it was submitted that the remaining tax that has to be collected will only be Rs.2,72,242/- [Rs.65,742/- + Rs.2,06,500/-].

4. The learned Additional Advocate General submitted that the concerned company has challenged the imposition of this tax and the same is pending.



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5. In the considered view of this Court, a substantial progress has been made in this case due to the continuous follow up on the side of the learned Additional Advocate General and hence, this Court is inclined to close this contempt petition.

Accordingly, this Contempt Petition is closed.

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