



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WP Nos. 3668 & 3770 of 2024
& WMP.Nos.3954, 3958, 4080 & 4082 of 2024**

1.S.Diraviam

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Selaiyur, Chennai - 600 073.

Petitioner in
WP/3668/2024

2.S.Ilanchezhian

S/o.K.Srinivasan,
No.19, Eswari Nagar,
Selaiyur,
Chennai 600 059.

Petitioner in
WP/3770/2024

Vs

1. Union of India

Rep. by the Secretary,
Ministry Of Railways,
Railway Board, Rail Bhavan,
New Delhi - 110 001.

2.The General Manager

Southern Railway,
Chennai - 600 003.



3.The Senior Divisional Commercial
Manager/MAS

DRM's Office, Commercial Branch,
Chennai - 600 003.

Respondents in both WPs

PRAYER in WP/3668/2024

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records in the order bearing No. M/C/79/CS/MPS/NBK/PF-1/2 dated 30.12.2023 passed by respondent No.3 and quashing the same and directing the respondents to renew the petitioner's licence to run the Multi Purpose Stall at the Nungampakkam Railway Station on Platform 1-2 for a period of five years with effect from 03.12.2023.

PRAYER in WP/3770/2024

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records in the order bearing No. M/C/79/CS/MPS/MKK/PF-1/2 dated 30.12.2023 passed by respondent No.3 and quashing the same and directing the respondents to renew the petitioner's licence to run the Multi Purpose Stall at the Kodambakkam Railway Station on Platform 1-2 for a period of five years with effect from 03.12.2023.

In both WPs

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Radhakrishnan
in both the WPs

For Respondent(s): Mr.V.Chandrasekaran,
Special Panel Counsel



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in WP/3886/2024

Mr.V.T.Balaji,

in WP/3770/2024

COMMON ORDER

The issue involved in both the writ petitions are one and the same and accordingly, the writ petitions are disposed of by this common order.

2.The case of the petitioners is that the petitioners were granted license to run a book stall at Nungampakkam Railway Station on Platform 1-2 and Kodambakkam Railway Station on Platform 1-2 in the year 1981 and 1986 respectively and that licence granted by the petitioners was renewed by the third respondent every five years. The further case of the petitioner is that sometime in 2004, a permanent buildings for running the bookstall on platform 1-2 in both the railway stations mentioned above was constructed by the third respondent and the cost of construction of the said buildings viz., Rs.65,000/- was recovered from each of the petitioners. Subsequently, at the petitioners' request, the book shops run by the petitioners was converted into multi-purpose stalls in 2018 and the licence granted to run the multi-purpose shops expired on



02.12.2023. Thereafter, the petitioners had sought for renewal of the license, however, the request of the petitioners was rejected by the impugned orders dated 30.12.2023 passed by the third respondent. Challenging the same the present writ petitions have been filed.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that the respondents may be directed to refund the amount paid by the petitioners for construction of the shops at the railway stations mentioned above.

4.Heard the learned counsel either side and perused the materials available on record.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, without interfering with the impugned orders passed by the third respondent, the respondents are directed to refund the amount paid by the petitioners for construction of shops



in Platform 1-2 at Nungampakkam Railway Station and Platform 1-2 at

Kodambakkam Railway Station, within a period of four (4) weeks from the date

of receipt of a copy of this order, if not already disbursed.

6.The writ petitions are disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently,
the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

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Neutral Citation:Yes/No



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