



W.P.No.12787 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 09.04.2025

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CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD

Writ Petition No.12787 of 2025

K.Annamalai

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Kallakurichi District.
- 2.The Assistant Director (Panchayat),
Office of the District Collector,
Kallakurichi.
- 3.The Assistant Director (Audit),
Office of the District Collector,
Kallakurichi.
- 4.G.Murugan
- 5.S.Anandhan
- 6.S.Murugaan
- 7.Selvabothagar

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent

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herein to take action against the respondents 4 to 7 pursuant to the petitioner's representation dated 01.03.2025.

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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Kingston Jerold

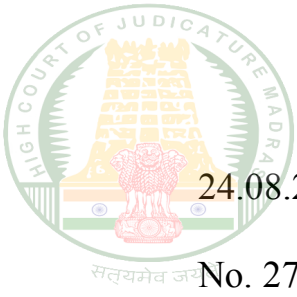
For Respondents 1 to 3 : Mr.M.Rajendiran,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this petition to direct the the first respondent herein to take action against the respondents 4 to 7 pursuant to the petitioner's representation dated 01.03.2025.

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner was elected as the Vice President of Sengurichi Village Panchayat in 2021, was the authorized signatory for withdrawing panchayat funds. However, the panchayat clerk misused the petitioner's OTP to make unauthorized withdrawals. Upon discovering the fraud, the petitioner submitted a representation on 08.03.2024 to the concerned authorities. Since no action was taken, the petitioner filed W.P. No. 6967 of 2024, and pursuant to this Court's direction for a physical enquiry, the panchayat's accounts saw an increase of Rs.23 lakh. Subsequently, with malafide intention, the Thasildhar issued a notice dated

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24.08.2024 bringing a no-confidence motion, which was set aside in W.P.

No. 27125 of 2024. Thereafter, the petitioner's cheque-signing authority was

removed by an order dated 27.09.2024, which was also quashed in W.P. No.

34372 of 2024 on 06.02.2025. During this period, the petitioner discovered

further misappropriation of funds by respondents 4 to 6 and lodged a

complaint on 02.03.2025, leading to the present writ petition.

3. Though many grounds have been raised in this writ petition, learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that it would suffice if this Court issues direction to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.03.2025 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4. Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents has no objection for the said order being passed by this Court.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials placed on record.



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6. Considering the limited relief sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court without going into the merits of the case directs the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.03.2025, after giving due notice to the petitioner as well as the respondents 4 to 7, affording an opportunity of personal hearing and considering the documents filed by both the parties on merits, in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. This writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid observation and directions. No costs.

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Index : Yes/No

Speaking Order : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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2.The Assistant Director (Panchayat),
Office of the District Collector,
Kallakurichi.

3.The Assistant Director (Audit),
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J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD,J.

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