



W.P.No.12681 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-04-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE J.SATHYA NARAYANA PRASAD

Writ Petition No.12681 of 2025

S.Dhanam Sekar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Block Development Officer (Village Panchayat),
Melmalaiyanur Panchayat Union,
Melmalaiyanur,
Villupuram District – 604 204.

2.Sathananthal Village Panchayat,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Sathananthal,
Melmalaiyanur Taluk,
Villupuram District – 604 210.

3.The President,
Sathananthal Village Panchayat,
Sathananthal,
Melmalaiyanur Taluk,
Villupuram District – 604 210.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the third respondent herein to pay a sum of Rs.5,425/- being the 1% of the Deposit amount and 2.5% of the Additional Deposit amount as per the order dated 28.11.2022 made in Na.Ka.No.A2/0273/2022 by the first respondent herein to the



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petitioner herein.

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For Petitioner : Mr.N.Mariappan

For Respondents : M/s.R.Anitha,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this petition to direct the third respondent here to pay a sum of Rs.5,425/- being the 1% of the Deposit amount and 2.5% of the Additional Deposit amount as per the order dated 28.11.2022 made in Na.Ka.No.A2/0273/2022 by the first respondent herein to the petitioner herein.

2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner, who is a registered contractor from Sathananthal Panchayat in Melmalayanur Panchayat Union, Villupuram District, was awarded the work of providing drinking water connections to the houses of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe families in Sathananthal. The District Collector granted administrative sanction on 18.12.2020, and the petitioner completed the work as per the Work Order issued on the same date. As per the tender conditions, 1% of the deposit



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amounting to Rs.1,550/- and 2.5% of the additional Deposit amounting to Rs.3,875/- were to be refunded upon successful completion of the work.

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Despite completing the work and making repeated representations, the respondents failed to release the total refundable sum of Rs.5,425/-. Aggrieved by this inaction, the petitioner has filed this 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 third respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 24.07.2024 on merits, in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4. Learned Special 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 available on record.

6. Considering the limited relief sought for by the learned counsel for



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the petitioner, this Court without going into the merits of the case directs the

third respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 24.07.2024

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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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Speaking Order : Yes/No

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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