



W.P.No.16849 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 02.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

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G.Murugaraj

.. Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector
Office of the Collectorate Building
Chengalpattu District

2.The Commissioner
Social Welfare Department
Lady Willingdon College Complex
Kamarajar Salai, Chennai

3.The District Social Welfare Officer
Office of the Collectorate Building
Chengalpattu District

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.. Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to conduct enquiry based on the petitioner's representation dated 10.02.2025 as against the 4th respondent for illegal functioning of ladies hostel and dispose the same in accordance with law.

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For Petitioner : Mr.D.S.Haroon Rasheed

For RR1 to 3 : Ms.P.Aishwarya, Government Advocate

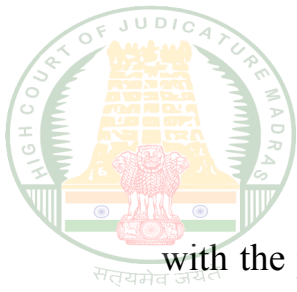
For R4 : Mr.A.Saravanan

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the issue of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to act upon the representation made by the petitioner on 10.02.2025 and take action against the 4th respondent who is illegally running a ladies hostel.

2. Heard both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

3. It is seen from records that the petitioner's wife went missing on 03.05.2024 and thereafter, she never returned to the matrimonial home. A complaint was given to the jurisdictional police at Thoothukudi District and an FIR came to be registered in crime No.74/2024. Thereafter, H.C.P.(MD) Nos.664/2024 and 1357/2024 were filed by the petitioner before the Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. After notice, the petitioner's wife was produced before the Court. It is alleged that she informed the Court that she was confined in the hostel run by the 4th respondent by her family members. She also expressed her willingness to join



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with the petitioner. When the said H.C.P. came up for hearing on 12.11.2024, the statement of the detainee was recorded and the H.C.P. was disposed of.

4. The grievance of the petitioner is that the 4th respondent hostel is being run without proper license. On carefully reading the order passed by the Division Bench, there is nothing to show that the detainee made a statement to the effect that she was illegally detained in the 4th respondent hostel by her family members. In any case, the wife has now joined the petitioner and no useful purpose will be served in further precipitating the issue based on some representation made by the petitioner, who is residing in Thoothukudi to take action against the hostel which is functioning in Chengalpattu. A pure and simple family dispute is now sought to be enlarged for taking action against a ladies hostel which is allegedly being run without proper license. Such collateral actions will eat away the precious time of this Court while dealing with genuine cases. Hence, this Court is not inclined to exercise its discretion under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

In the light of the above discussion, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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