



Contempt Petition No.1890 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 16.09.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

Contempt Petition No.1890 of 2025
and Sub Application No.690 of 2025

Romana
W/o.Mr.Jayaraj
Represented by her Power Agent
Mr.S.Stephen Suresh Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs

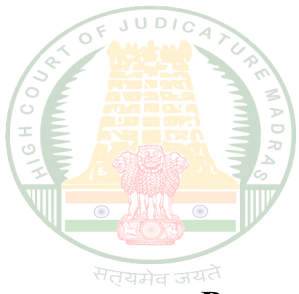
1.Thiru J.Kumaragurubaran
Commissioner
Corporation of Chennai
Rippon Building, Chennai – 600 003.

2.Dr.S.Prabhakar
Member Secretary
Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority
Gandhi Irwin Road, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

3.Mr.Krishnan Bharanidharan
Assistant Engineer (Division VIII)
CMWSSB Board
297, Konnur High Road
Ayanavaram, Chennai – 600 023.

... Respondents

[Corrected the name of 3rd respondent as per order
made in Cont.P.No.1890 of 2025, dated 12.09.2025]



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Prayer : Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 and 12 of the Contempt of Court Act, 1961, to punish the respondents 1 to 5 herein for their wilful disobedience of the order dated 07.03.2025 and violation of their statement recorded by this Court, while disposing of the writ petition in W.P.No.8176 of 2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Thanka Sivan

For Respondents : Dr.N.Paul Sunder Singh
Standing Counsel for CMWSSB [R3]

ORDER

The contempt petition has been filed alleging willful disobedience on part of the respondents in complying with the orders of this Court in W.P.No.8176 of 2022.

2. By an order dated 12.09.2025, I recorded the fact that the writ petition in W.P.No.8176 of 2022 came to be ordered on the undertaking that was given by CMWSSB, that no action of laying pipelines would be effected in the premises, claimed to be owned by the petitioner.

3. The petitioner's grievance is that, after the writ petition had been closed, the respondents in collusion with the local Councillor and her husband



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had effected water connections to the alleged illegal occupants. I took note of the fact that what cannot be done directly, cannot be done indirectly, and therefore, the illegal connection that has been effected was directed to be disconnected forthwith.

3. The grievance of the respondents was that the police officials were not affording protection, while they were attempting to disconnect the illegal water connection.

4. I noted that in Indian Penal Code, as well as the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, sufficient provisions have been incorporated to enable the officials of the Government to lodge a complaint, in case they are obstructed during performance of their official duties. Though the respondents pleaded that they had lodged a complaint, no record or the proof for receipt of the same was given by the third respondent. Consequently, I directed the third respondent to implement his undertaking that has been given by CMWSSB in the writ petition forthwith, and if necessary, to take appropriate police protection for the same. Accordingly, I adjourned the matter to enable the third respondent to implement the order.



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6. At this stage, Mr.S.Thanka Sivan pleaded that it has become a habit of the respondents to give an undertaking and get the proceedings closed and thereafter, revive the illegal connection all over again. If such an event occurs again, liberty is granted to the contempt petitioner to file an appropriate application to revive the contempt, as well to implead the persons who are violating the orders of the Court. Consequently, connected sub-application is also closed.

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Index:Yes/No
Speaking order / Non-speaking order
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