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W.P.No.16484 of 2020
and Cont.P.No.3817 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.08.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

W.P.No.16484 of 2020
and W.M.P.Nos.20462 and 20463 of 2020
and Cont.P.No.3817 of 2024
and Sub A. (OS) No.624 of 2025

W.P.No.16484 of 2020:
N.Rukmangathan
No.59/31, Perumal Street,
Egmore, Chennai-600 008

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Chief Secretary,
Fort St George,
Chennai-600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner
Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Building,
Chennai-600 003
- 3.The Secretary
Municipal Administration and Water
Supply Dept.
Government of Tamil Nadu Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009



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4. The Assistant Commissioner
Zone 5,
Chennai Corporation,
Chennai-600 021

[Respondent No.1 deleted vide order
dated 5.2.2021 made in W.P.No.16484 of 2020]

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent to initiate appropriate action under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 against the unauthorized constructions made in Zone V, Greater Chennai Corporation.

For Petitioner: Mr.K.Balaji

For Respondents: Mr.P.S.Raman
Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.A.Edwin Prabakar
State Government Pleader
for respondent No.3

Mr.A.Arun Babu
Standing Counsel
for respondent Nos.2 and 4

Cont.P.No.3817 of 2024:
N.Rukmanganthan,
S/o.Natarajan,
No.54, Water Canal Road,
Flat No.908, 8th Block,
Alliance Orchid Spring,
Korattur, Chennai-600 076.

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Vs

J.Kumaragurubaran, I.A.S.,
Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Rippon Building,
Park Town, Chennai 600 003.

Contemnor

Prayer: Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act to punish the respondent for willful disobedience to the order passed in W.P.No.16484 of 2020 dated 17.12.2021 and punish him under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act.

For Petitioner: Mr.K.Balaji

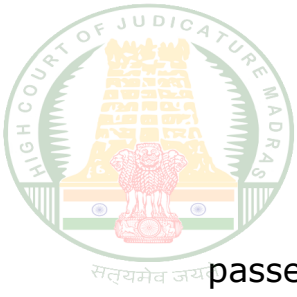
For Contemnor: Mr.J.Ravindran
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.A.Arun Babu
Standing Counsel

COMMON ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This order will dispose of the writ petition (public interest litigation) as also the contempt petition.

2. This public interest litigation is filed by the petitioner raising an allegation with regard to encroachment. Initially an order was



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passed on 17.12.2021 directing the authorities to take necessary enforcement action. It appears that as the authority did not proceed in the matter expeditiously, a contempt petition came to be filed.

3. During the pendency of the writ petition and the contempt proceedings, it has now been brought to our notice that authorities proceeded with the enforcement action and de-occupation/lock and seal notices have been issued against large number of persons. It is also brought to the notice of this court that number of appeals/ revisions were filed by the aggrieved persons before the higher authorities in the government and though some of the revisions have been dismissed, some revisions are still pending.

4. Learned Additional Advocate General would bring to the notice of this court that some of those persons, who were aggrieved by the orders passed by the authorities, have filed writ petitions before this court.



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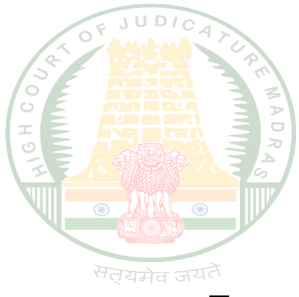
5. Upon hearing learned counsel for the parties, we are of the view that the purpose of filing the public interest litigation stands served, as orders have been passed by various authorities and legality and validity of such orders is pending consideration before various fora. The writ petition is, accordingly, closed.

6. In view of the order dated 10.7.2025 passed in the contempt petition recalling the costs imposed and the directions issued therein, the contempt petition also stands closed.

There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, interim applications stand closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (SUNDER MOHAN,J)
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