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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.05.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY
and

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE T.V.THAMILSELVI

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Vanchinathan.S
Social Activist and Agriculturist

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Union of India
rep. by the Secretary
Ministry of Railways
Government of India
Rail Bhavan, 256-A
Raisina Road, Rajpath Area
Central Secretariat, New Delhi 110 001

2.The Chairman & Chief Executive Officer
Railway Board, Rail Bhavan
236, Raisina Road, Rajpath Area
Central Secretariat, New Delhi 110 001

3.The General Manager
Southern Railway
Chennai 600 003



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4. The Divisional Railway Manager
Divisional Railway Manager's Office
DRM Complex
Southern Railway
Trichirappalli 620 001

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to immediately restore the Direct Passenger Train Service between Mayiladuthurai Railway Junction and Karaikudi Railway Junction in both directions to take all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of Direct Passenger Train Services on the Mayiladuthurai - Karaikudi route in the interest of public welfare, religious freedom, environmental sustainability and regional development to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 15.03.2025, along with other related representations, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

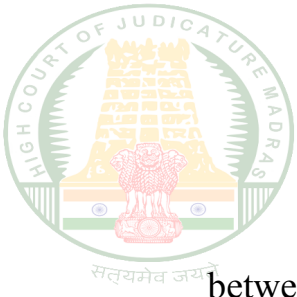
For Petitioner : Mr.Purjith Narayanan
for Mr.A.M.Baalakrishnan

For Respondents : Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy
Special C.G. - R1 to R4

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by *SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY, J.*)

By this petition styled as a public interest litigation, the petitioner seeks a direction for the restoration of the Direct Passenger Train Service



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between Mayiladuthurai Railway Junction and Karaikudi Railway Junction in both directions. The writ petition was filed after submitting representation dated 15.03.2025 in this regard.

2.Mr.K.Srinivasamurthy accepts notice on behalf of all the respondents.

3.The decision as to whether a direct passenger train service should be restored on a particular route is a decision to be taken by the Railways after considering all relevant factors, including anticipated traffic, financial implications and the like. Therefore, positive mandamus as requested for cannot be granted.

4.Nonetheless, since the petitioner has submitted representation dated 15.03.2025, such representation may be examined on merits by the 3rd respondent.

5.Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the



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representation, the 3rd respondent is directed to consider and dispose of representation dated 15.03.2025 within three (3) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

[S.K.R, J.]

[T.V.T.S, J.]

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