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WP No.24414 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.08.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,

CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUNDER MOHAN

WP No.24414 of 2025
and WMP No.27486 of 2025

K.Raghupathy
S/o.Kandasmy,
No.1, 5th Cross Street, Rail
Nagar, Ninnakarai Village,
Kancheepuram,
Tamil Nadu- 603 203.

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Secretary
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas,
A-wing Shastri Bhawan,
Dr.Rajendra Prasad Road, New Delhi-110 001

2.Government Of India Ministry of Road
Transport And Highway
(SER (P & B) Section, Transport Bhawan,
Parliament Street, New Delhi- 110 001.

3.The Chief Controller Of Explosives
Petroleum And Explosive Safety Organisation,
A & D - Wing Block 1-8, 2nd Floor, Shastri
Bhawan, Haddows Road, Ch- 600 006.



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4.The Chief General Manager
Tamil Nadu Road Development Company Ltd,
Tamil Nadu Maritime Board Bldg,
2nd Floor, No.171, South
Kesavaperumalpuram, Pasumpon
Muthuramalingam Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai-600 028.

5.The Territory Manager (Retail), Chennai
Chennai Retail Territory,
Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited,
(A Govt of India Enterprise)
Chennai Territory (Retail)

6.The Director of Fire And Rescue Services
Egmore, Chennai- 600 008.

7.The District Collector
Egmore, Chennai- 600 008.

8.The Police Commissioner
The Commissionerate, Avadi,
Tamil Nadu- 600 054.

9.SGR Fuels Rep By Its
R.Karuppasamy Anand,
Door No.63, (SF No.63 1B, 64/2A)
400 Bye Pass Road, Kolappacheri, Chennai-72.

Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents 1 to 8 to consider the petitioner's representation 28/03/ 2025, regarding violation of the guidelines to issue the dealership for



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the Bharat Petroleum retail outlet, running by the 9th Respondent within a stipulated time framed by this court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.J.Nissar Ahmed

For Respondent(s):

For R1 to R3	Mr.G. Sugadev Rajaguru
For R5	Mr.V.Anantha Natarajan
For R6 & R7	Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath Government Advocate
For R8	Mr.A. Gokulakrishnan Additional Public Prosecutor
For R9	Mr.Avinash Wadhvani

ORDER

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

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed by the petitioner seeking to espouse a public cause of serious allegation that High Tension Electricity Transmission lines are crossing over the petrol pump outlet of respondent No.9.

2. Taking into consideration the allegation, the respondents were noticed.



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3. From the affidavits which have been filed and various survey reports conducted by more than one authorities, it is more than clear that the allegation, is completely incorrect.

4. In fact, after having gone through the entire petition, we find no material to support any such allegation except certain photographs which can be hardly treated as proof of such allegation.

5. It has been consistently held and time and again cautioned that before filing Public Interest Litigation, proper research is required to be carried out.

6. The petitioner without any factual foundation, made wild allegations which has resulted in harassment of respondents and various authorities and at the same time, it has wasted the time of the Court.



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7. The Public Interest Litigation is completely frivolous and dismissed with cost of Rs.1,00,000/- [Rupees One Lakh only] payable to the Union Territory of Puducherry Legal Services Authority within a period of one month. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ.)(SUNDER MOHAN, J.)
20.08.2025

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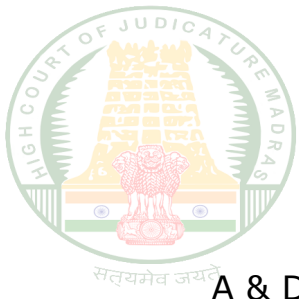
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