



W.P.No.30266 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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And

W.M.P.Nos.33951 and 47509 of 2025

Murali Trading Company,
A Partnership Firm,
Represented by its Partner
Sreesanth K.P.
Having Office at Naluthara,
Palloor, Mahe,
Puducherry – 673 310.

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1 THE UNION TERRITORY OF PUDUCHERRY
REPRESENTED BY THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR
PUDUCHERRY.
- 2 THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
MAHE, PUDUCHERRY.
- 3 M/S.PARAMOUNT PETROLEUM
A PARTNERSHIP FIRM
REPRESENTED BY ITS PARTNER
JINAS THAMMATTAN
RE-SURVEY NO.-18/4-B,
PALLOOR VILLAGE,
MAHE TALUK, MAHE DISTRICT,
PUDUCHERRY – 670 672.
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- 5 MANGALORE REFINERY AND PETROCHEMICAL LIMITED,
REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY,
TRICHY SALES AREA, 3rd FLOOR,
BOMBAY MUTUAL BUILDING,
232, NSC BOSE ROAD,
PARRYS,
CHENNAI – 600 001.
- 6 RELIANCE BP MOBILITY LIMITED,
REPRESENTED BY ITS AUTHORISED SIGNATORY,
1st FLOOR, CHANDRIKA CHAMBERS,
SA ROAD, VYTTILA JUNCTION,
COCHIN, KERALA – 682 019.

(R5, R6 SUO MOTU IMPEADED VIDE
ORDER DATED 11.08.2025 MADE IN
WP.30266/2025 BY NAVJ)

... Respondents

Prayer:

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents 1 and 2 from according approval to the proposed retail petroleum outlet of respondents 3 and 4 in violation of the norms/ guidelines for establishment of fuel stations dated 26.06.2020 issued by the MORTH, Government of India by considering the petitioner's representation dated 18.07.2025.



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For Petitioner : Mr.Sharath Chandran

For Respondents : Mrs.V.Usha for R1 and R2
Additional Government Pleader (P)
Mr.R.Natarajan for R3
Mr.K.Raja Srinivas for R4
Mr.Navod Prasannan for R5
Mr.C.Mohan,
Ms.A.Rexy Josephine Mary for R6
for M/s.King and Partridge

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of Writ of Mandamus forbearing the respondents 1 and 2 from according approval to the proposed retail petroleum outlet of respondents 3 and 4 in violation of the norms/ guidelines for establishment of fuel stations dated 26.06.2020 issued by the MORTH, Government of India by considering the petitioner's representation dated 18.07.2025.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner is a partnership firm and a licensed petroleum dealer for the petroleum products of the Indian Oil Corporation. The petitioner's petroleum outlet is located in the Paral Chokli Road, Mahe District and the said road is classified as a Major District Road. The third respondent has made an application for grant of petroleum



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dealership license to the first respondent for establishing a petrol station exactly opposite to the petroleum outlet of the petitioner.

Similarly, another application is made by the fourth respondent for grant of petroleum dealership license to the first respondent for establishing a petrol station at a plot adjacent to the petitioner at a distance of about 97 metres.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submitted that the petitioner made detailed representation dated 18.07.2025 to the first respondent seeking immediate revocation or review of the new outlet approvals being granted in contravention of CPWD guidelines; a formal inquiry into the process by which the new permissions were sanctioned; and a moratorium on further fuel outlet licenses in Mahe until a clear distance policy is publicly re-affirmed and enforced, however, there is no response. Hence, this Court may without going into the merits of the case, issue direction to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation and to pass appropriate orders within a reasonable time frame.

4.Considering the limited relief now sought for by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court without expressing any



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opinion on the merits of the case, directs the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 18.07.2025, on merits and in accordance with law and to pass appropriate orders, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5.The writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/ No

Speaking Order: Yes/ No

NCC: Yes/ No

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