



W.P.No.37168 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20.02.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

W.P.No.37168 of 2025

The Federation of Bus Operators Association
of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary,
6, Bishop Wallers Avenue (East),
Chennai – 600 004.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by Secretary,
Home Department,
Fort Saint George,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Transport Commissioner,
Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.

.. Respondents

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Palani

For Respondents : Mr.Haza Nazurddin,
Additional Advocate General
for Mr.M.Shajahan
Special Government pleader



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ORDER

In terms of the order of this Court dated 08.10.2025, the respondents were called upon to pass final orders on the request of the revision of fares made by the members of the writ petitioner Association. When the matter was called for compliance on 07.01.2026, it was represented by Mr.M.Shajahan and Mr.Hari Babu that an Expert Committee had been formed by the Government and they were finalising the report. It was stated that the report was essential for the second respondent to pass further orders and forward it to the first respondent. I called upon the second respondent to take a call and extended time till 19.02.2026. In default, I called upon his appearance in Court.

2. When the matter was called today, Mr.Haja Nazuruddin, Additional Advocate General appearing for the respondents has produced instructions from the second respondent. For ready reference, the instructions are scanned and extracted hereunder:



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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

From

Thiru. Kiran Gurrula, I.A.S.,
Transport and Road Safety Commissioner,
Commissionerate of Transport and Road
Safety, Guindy, Chennai-32.

To

Thiru. Shahajahan,
Special Government Pleader,
Madras High Court, Chennai-104.

R.No.45368/E4/2024

Dated. 20.02.2026

Sir,

Sub: Motor Vehicles - W.P.No. 37168 of 2025 filed by the
Federation of Bus Operators Association of Tamil Nadu,
before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras - report submitted-
regarding.

Ref: Directions of Hon'ble High Court, Chennai-104 on 08.10.2025
and 07.01.2026 in W.P.No. 37168 of 2025, filed by
Federation of Bus Operators Association, Chennai-04.

In the order of High Court of Madras, dated 08.10.2025, it has been
ordered that the instruction from the 2nd respondent states that the first
meeting of the committee will be held on 07.11.2025 and the final order
will be passed by 30.12.2025. The statement made by the learned
Additional Advocate General on behalf of the 2nd respondent is received as
undertaking given by the 2nd respondent to the Hon'ble court. It was
recorded and ordered that the writ petition stands disposed of. The 2nd
respondent shall pass orders before 30.12.2025 and extended till
19.02.2026.

Accordingly, the expert committee headed by the Transport and
Road Safety Commissioner has submitted the report to the High Level
Committee on 19.02.2026.


Transport and Road Safety Commissioner,
Commissionerate of Transport and
Road Safety, Guindy, Chennai-32.

3. The report shows that the Expert Committee has submitted the report on 19.02.2026 and acting on the said report, the second respondent has forwarded the same to the first respondent to pass appropriate orders.



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Despite the fact that the second respondent had complied with the order, he is present in the Court. Mr.Haja Nazuruddin, Additional Advocate General states that the State Government will take a call shortly. They shall do so by 26.02.2026. Otherwise default clause passed earlier applies to the first respondent also.

4. Post the matter on 26.02.2026.

20.02.2026

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To

1. The Secretary,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Home Department,
Fort Saint George,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Transport Commissioner,
Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.



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