



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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1. P.Rajkumar
S/o. M.Ponnusamy, Door No.4/63,
Ulagapalayam, Maniyanoor Post,
Paramathyvelur Taluk, Namakkal
District - 637 201.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Dr.Brindha Devi, IAS and another
Regional Transport Authority/The
Collector, Salem Collectorate, Salem
District.

2.Kokila
Regional Transport Officer, Salem
(west) Regional Transport Office,
Salem.

Contemnor(s)

PRAYER : Contempt Petition filed under section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act to punish the respondents for having committed contempt in the order made in W.P.No.12907 of 2025 dated 15.04.2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Alfred Lionel

For Respondents: Mr.M.Shajahan
Special Government Pleader



ORDER

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2. When the matter was taken up today, Mr.Shajahan, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent points out that the Regional Transport Officer [Salem West] does not have the jurisdiction to deal with permit issued to the State Transport Corporation for unauthorized operation between Namakkal and Karur and as it has to be addressed only by the Regional Transport Officer, Namkkal or Regional Transport Officer Karur.

3. In so far the second prayer that the permit to the stage carriage vehicle bearing No.TN 30 N 1904 should be cancelled, the Special Government Pleader has been instructed to state that the permit had already cancelled by Regional Transport Authority in Chennai and not authorities in Salem. Instructions further state that the Regional Transport Officer had initiated action on the violation of the terms and conditions by TNSTC. The said instructions are scanned and extracted herein :



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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT :

From
THIRU. V.Kokila, BE,MBA.,
Regional Transport Officer,
Salem-West.

To
Thiru M.Shajahan,
Special Government Pleader,
High Court, Chennai - 600 104.

Letter R.No. 30469/A1/2025 dated: 12.2025

Dear Madam,

Sub:- Motor Vehicles-Stage Carriage No. TN30N 1904
Route: Namakkal to Tiruvannamalai-not operated
on the authorized routed-Complaint received-proper
Action taken-Reg.,

- Ref:-
- 1) Petition dated; 02.08.2024 from Thiru P.Rajkumar, Tiruchengode.
 - 2) Orders of the High Court, Chennai in W.P.No. 12907/2025, Dated: 15.04.2025.
 - 3) This office letter of even No. dated: 24.07.2025 addressed To the Managing Director, Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation, Salem.

In response to the reference 2nd cited. I furnish the history of case below:

Vide reference 1st cited the petitioner complained that the Stage Carriage Number TN30N 1904 belonging to State Transport Undertaking was not operated on the permitted route Namakkal to Tiruvannamalai (via) Salem, Harur, Uthangarai and Chengam He added that the vehicle was operated between Namakkal and Karur unauthorizedly. The petitioner requested to take necessary action on his complaint.

The contents of the petition were carefully examined.

Immediately a letter was sent to the Managing Director, Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation, Salem with instructions to operate the Stage Carriage Number TN30N 1904 on the permitted route only and if any violation is found, necessary action will be taken and the matter will be reported to the State Transport Authority, Chennai which issued this permit.



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Apart from this I wish to bring the following facts to your kind notice.

- 1) The permit of this Stage Carriage TN30N 1904 was not issued by this Authority. It was issued by the State Transport Authority, Chennai.
- 2) The complainant stated that this vehicle was operated between Namakkal and Karur unauthorizedly. Regarding this complaint Regional Transport Officer, Namakkal and or Regional Transport Officer, Karur are the competent authorities to take necessary action on this complaint, since the jurisdiction falls under their control. This authority has nothing to do with this complaint. However in the interest of the travelling public, I had properly instructed the Managing Director, Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation, Salem to operate the Stage Carriage TN30N 1904 on the authorized route only.
- 3) Another request of the complaint was to cancel the permit of the Stage Carriage TN30N 1904. In this regard, I am to state that the permit in respect of this vehicle TN30N 1904 was issued by the State Transport Authority, Chennai, vide Temporary permit No. 360/STA/2025, valid upto: 07.01.2026. Hence the State Transport Authority, Chennai, is the competent authority to take disciplinary action against the permit holder. This authority is not competent to take any type of disciplinary action against the permit holder.
- 4) The complainant further stated that the Regional Transport Officer, Karur has reported that the Check report issued in respect of TN30N 1904 forwarded to this office. Proper action was taken on this check report and the permit holder was punished.

Finally we are to state that we had taken proper action on the complaints mentioned in the petition dated 02.08.2024 received from Thiru P.Rajkumar, Suriyapalayam, Tiruchengode.

Thus, we properly obeyed the orders of the High Court, Chennai and did everything possible to the extent of the powers conferred on us. I submit this report on behalf of respondent 5 Regional Transport Authority, Salem and respondent 6 Regional Transport Officer, Salem-West.

Regional Transport Officer,
Salem-West.



4. As the Order of this Court has been complied, I find that there is no necessity to initiate contempt against the respondents and this Contempt Petition is closed. The petitioner is at liberty to approach the authorities to initiate action against the officers concerned.

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