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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.10.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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and W.M.P.Nos.44648 and 44649 of 2025

Syed Ameen
S/o.Syed Abbas
230B, TNSCB Unit
Selathampatti
Salem - 636 005.

Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Union of India
Rep. by its Secretary to Government
Ministry of Communications,
Department of Posts,
Government of India,
Sanchar Bhawan
New Delhi - 110 001.
- 2.The Chief Postmaster General
Tamil Nadu Circle,
Chennai - 600 002.
- 3.The Postmaster General
Western Region,
Coimbatore - 641 030.



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4.The Superintendent of Post Offices
Salem West Division,
Salem - 636 005.

5.The Postmaster
Suramangalam Head Post Office,
Salem - 636 005.

Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari to call for the impugned order dated 30.09.2025 passed by the 4th respondent in merging the Suramangalam Railway Colony Sub Post office with the Suramangalam Head Post Office and quash the same.

For Petitioner: Mr.V.Kamal

For Respondents: Mr.R.Rajesh Vivekananthan
Dy. Solicitor General of India

ORDER

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

Challenge to the merger of the Suramangalam Railway Colony Sub Post Office with the Suramangalam Head Post Office is mainly premised on the ground that the customers, who are presently availing the services from the Sub Post Office, may be required to travel a longer distance.

2. It is submitted that large number of persons are availing



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the services such as withdrawal of pension amount, postal insurance, money transfers, saving accounts, etc., from the Sub Post Office and the proposed merger will cause undue hardship to the residents of the locality.

3. A bare perusal of the communication dated 30.9.2025 makes it clear that the distance of the Head Post Office is not so much that the writ court itself should interfere with the decision of merger of the Sub Post Office with the Head Post Office, more so when various facilities which have been indicated in the letter can be availed through online platform.

4. At this juncture, learned Deputy Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the respondents, on instruction, informs that there is door step pension delivery service available to pensioners, besides availability of various online facilities, including mobile banking and internet banking, to all customers.

5. For the foregoing reasons, we are not inclined to interfere with the decision taken by the fourth respondent to merge the Sub



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Post Office with the Head Post Office.

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However, before parting, we would direct the Postmaster of the Head Post Office at Suramangalam to chalk out a scheme at the local level to conduct awareness programmes at the Head Post Office for the next two months and also send email and Whatsapp messages to all customers, more particularly to the pensioners, informing them of the various online services available, besides the door step delivery service, and the way in which they can be best utilized, so that the customers need not remain physically present in the Post Office to avail the services.

The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, interim applications stand closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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