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W.P.No.No.42589 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 14.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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A.Kannan

... Petitioner

v.

- 1.The Principal Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009.
 - 2.The District Collector,
Office of District Collector, Kallakurichi District – 606202
 - 3.The Project Director,
District Rural Development Agency, Kallakurichi.
 - 4.The Executive Engineer,
District Rural Development Agency, Kallakurichi.
 - 5.The Assistant Project Officer,
District Rural Development Agency, Kallakurichi.
 - 6.The Assistant Executive Engineer,
District Rural Development Agency, Kallakurichi.
 - 7.The Block Development Officer,
Office of Block Development Officer,
Keezhathazhanur Panchayat Union,
Keezhathazhanur, Tirukoilur – 605757.
 - 8.The Assistant Engineer,
Keezhathazhanur Panchayat Union, Tirukoilur – 605757
- ... Respondents



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Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking to issue of Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to consider the petitioner's request and expedite the process of releasing the payment for labour and materials amounting to INR 3,83,402.78/- (Indian Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Four Hundred and Two and Seventy Eight Paise).

For petitioner : Mr.C.Arunseshan

For Respondents
1 to 6 : Mrs.C.Meera Arumugham,
Additional Government Pleader

For Respondent 7 : Mr.P.Ganesan,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner claims that a sum of Rs.3,83,402.78/- is due from the Block Development Officer, Tirukoilur to him. This amount reflects the balance, which is payable to the petitioner for construction of a well in the agricultural land situated at Keezhathazhanur Village, Tirukoilur Taluk, Kallakurichi District. The petitioner states that he has completed the work as per the construction contract and out of a sum of Rs.7,48,000/-, the respondent had not disbursed a sum of Rs.3,83,402.78. Hence, this writ petition.

2. When the matter came up, Mrs.C.Meera Arumugham representing the respondents 1 to 6 and Mr.P.Ganesan, representing



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the 7th respondent state that the petitioner's bill will be cleared once the Central Government releases the fund under the MGNREGA scheme. To that effect, an affidavit of undertaking has also been filed.

The undertaking affidavit is scanned and extracted hereunder:



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S/o Mr Ayyasamy
Keezhathazhanur, Tirukollur,
Kallakurichi-605766.

...PETITIONER

-VS-

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...RESPONDENTS

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AFFIDAVIT FILED BY THE 7TH RESPONDENT

I, R. Selvuganesh, son of Mr. Rengasamy, aged about 49 years, working as a Block Development Officer, Thirakovilur, Kallakurichi District, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

1. I submit that I am the 7th respondent herein, and I am acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case through the records available in the office.
2. I submit that the contract for construction of a well at Keelathuzhamur Village, Thirakovilur, under the MGNREGA Scheme was awarded to the petitioner.
3. I further submit that, during the course of execution of the contract, a part payment of Rs. 3,64,564/- was released to the petitioner on 04.03.2022. However, as per the work order, the petitioner failed to complete the work within three years. Despite several reminders, the petitioner did not come forward to complete the work. Hence, the status of "work completion" was uploaded in the online portal. The petitioner thereafter raised his bill, and therefore the same could not be processed.
4. I further submit that I have taken steps to release the petitioner's bill amount, and the same was informed to the District Collector vide letter dated 22.05.2025.
5. It is also submitted that a new Work ID was created as WORK ID: 2904001017/IF/2905677634. Once the Central Government releases the funds for the aforesaid scheme, the petitioner's amount ^{of Rs. 3,83,454/-} will be credited to his account. I further assure that priority is being given to this matter to settle the petitioner's bill amount.

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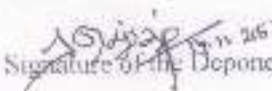


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6. I hereby declare that the facts state above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and that nothing material had been concealed therefrom.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai
on this 14th day of November 2025


Signature of the Deponent

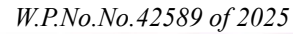
Before me

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NO. 468, NEW LAW CHAMBER
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சென்னை உயர்நீதி மாளிகை,
சென்னை.

DOI: 10.1112/2025

3. இயக்குநரகம், த.க.க.ஊர் 45/1586/2025 நாள்: 22.05.2025

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3. The same is recorded. The writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

14.11.2025

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To

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