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WP No. 45671 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

**WP No. 45671 of 2025
and WMP No. 50901 of 2025**

A.Vimal Menon

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Revenue Officer,
Secretary-cum-General Manager,
Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply And
Sewerage Board,
No.1,Pumping Station Road,
Chintadripet, Chennai - 600 002

2.The Area Engineer,
Zone-XI, Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply
And Sewerage Board,
No.8A, Gangai Amman Koil Street,
Alapakkam, Chennai 600 116.

3.The Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Ripon Building, Periamet,
Chennai 600 003.

Respondent(s)

**PRAYER**

directing the 1st and 2nd respondents to accept the application for a new Water and Sewerage Service Connection and provide the supply to the Petitioner for the premises situated at No.12A, Kuppusamy Naicker Street, Poothapedu, Porur, Chennai 600 116, after collecting necessary charges as prescribed within a time limit.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.B.R.Menon

For Respondent(s) Ms.Vasanthamala (R1 & R2)

Ms.Vanitha Joice Rani (R3)

ORDER

The petitioner is the owner of the property situated at No.12A, Kuppusamy Naicker Street, Poothapedu, Porur, Chennai-600116. A demand of water charges made to a tune of Rs.81,528/-. This was on the basis of the revision of property tax by the Greater Chennai Corporation. In terms of the applicable Rules and Regulations, when the property tax is revised, 7% of the said amount is charged by the CMWSSB.

2. The petitioner filed W.P. No. 23966 of 2024 seeking to quash the revision of tax by the Greater Chennai Corporation. After hearing both sides, the writ petition came to be allowed quashing the tax assessment. A further directions was given to the Greater Chennai Corporation to re-do the exercise



afresh. As the substratum of the claim made by the CMWSSB has been set aside by this Court, the petitioner, who claims not in arrears of the tax calculation on the basis of the past property tax, sought water connection. He sent an e-mail to the CMWSSB to the aforesaid effect. He was informed that the website of CMWSSB shows arrears and therefore, till that amount is cleared, the property will not be benefitted with water connection. Hence, he is before this Court by way of the present writ.

3. When the matter came up for admission, Ms.Deepika took notice for R1 and R2 and Ms.Vanitha Joice Rani took notice for R3. Ms.Deepika sought time for instructions.

4. On the next day, when the matter was taken up on 26.11.2025, in the forenoon, Ms.Vasanthamala appeared and sought time for instructions again. Post lunch, Mr.J.Ravindran, learned Additional Advocate General appeared on behalf of Ms.Vasanthamala. He reported that appropriate steps would be taken



and the same would be informed to this Court today(28.11.2025).

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5. When the matter was taken up today, Ms.Vasanthamala states that an off-line application from the petitioner will be received and water connection will be offered to the petitioner's premises, within a period of 10 days therefrom. She also states an indemnity bond should be executed by the petitioner that, in case of revision by the Greater Chennai Corporation, he will clear the arrears, which would be calculated on the basis of the property tax fixed by that authority.

6. While the first portion of her submission is certainly appreciated, qua the later portion, I am not inclined to direct the petitioner to file an indemnity bond. This is the case, the petitioner has already filed an affidavit of undertaking dated 25.11.2025 which is scanned and extracted hereunder:-



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(Special Original Jurisdiction)

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S/o. V.B.R. Menon,
Flat No.4B, Brook Dale Apartments,
No.12, P.T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar,
Chennai - 600 078

... Petitioner

...Vs...

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... Respondents

AFFIDAVIT OF UNDERTAKING

I, A. Vimal Menon, S/o. V.B.R. Menon, aged 41 years and residing
at Flat No: 4 B, Brook Dale Apartments, No:12, P.T. Rajan Salai,
K.K. Nagar, Chennai - 600 078 do hereby solemnly affirm and undertake as
under :-

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Dated:

A. Vimal Menon



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1. I am the Petitioner in the instant Writ Petition seeking to get a new Water and Sewage connection for my Building situated at No. 12-A, Kuppaswamy Naicker Street, Poothapedu, Porur, Chennai – 600 116
2. I have been regularly paying the Water Tax for the above premises without any default since 2011, when the area came under GCC, despite the fact that there has been no Water or Sewage Supplies to me all along. Subsequently, due to the Property Tax revision w.e.f. 1/2023-24, the Water Tax Amount has been revised and an amount of Rs. 81,528/- is now shown as outstanding against my name.
3. This Hon'ble Court has set aside the above Property Tax revision vide the Final Order dated 31.10.2025 in WP No. 23966 of 2024 and therefore the connected Revision carried out in my Water Tax account should also have gone as null and void.
4. In spite of the above facts, to demonstrate my bonafides, I hereby give an undertaking to pay any amount that may become due to the Respondents in future due to the revision of my Property Tax by GCC pursuant to the above Final Order passed in WP No. 23966 of 2024 and subject to the outcome of the Writ Appeal filed by me in WA SR No. 193864 of 2025, wherein I have challenged only that portion of the Final Order to remit the matter back to the 3rd Respondent.

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5. I further undertake to pay the above amount to the Respondents within 24 hours from the date of receipt of written communication from them in this regard through any mode of communication and after it has become due .

For the reasons stated above , it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to record the above undertaking and allow the Writ Petition as prayed for.

A. Vimal

BEFORE ME

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai on ||
this the 25th day of November, 2025 ||
and signed his name in my presence. ||

V. Ananth
Ms/866/1994

ADVOCATE : CHENNAI

7. In paragraph No.5 of the affidavit of undertaking, the petitioner has clearly stated that within 24 hours from the date of the receipt of the written communication from CMWSSB as regards revision if any, he will clear the



same.

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8. When an affidavit of undertaking has been given to this Court to call upon the petitioner to give an other indemnity to an Executive Authority does not arise.

9. The statement of Mr.VBR Menon, that the application will be filed by Monday (01.12.2025) is recorded.

10. Consequently, this Court disposes the writ petition with the following order:-

(1) the respondents shall receive the off-line application of the petitioner and shall process the same and offer the water connection to the property situated at No.12A, Kuppusamy Naicker Street, Poothapedu, Porur, Chennai-600116 within a period of 10 days from the date of filing of the application;

(2) The affidavit of undertaking dated 25.11.2025 is recorded and



will be treated as a part of this order.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

28-11-2025

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V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN J.

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