



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-12-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

**WP No. 49205 of 2025
and WMP No. 54963 of 2025**

K.Veerabathran

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Commissioner
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Rippon Building,
Poonamallee High Road,
Chennai-600 003.
- 2.The Chairman Cum Managing Director
Metropolitan Transport Corporation,
(Chennai Limited),
No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-600 002.
- 3.The Chief Engineer
Integrated Chief Engineers Office Complex,
Highways Department, HRS Campus,
76 Sardar Patel Road, Little Mount, Guindy,
Chennai-600 025.
- 4.The Superintending Engineer (H)
Construction & Maintenance
No.299, Anna Salai, Teynampet,
Chennai-600 006.
- 5.The Zonal Officer
Greater Corporation Of Chennai,
Zone No.168 First Reddy Street,
Chennai-600 032



Respondent(s)

PRAYER

directing the respondents 1 to 5 herein not to erect waiting shed and not to construct public toilet in front of petitioners property situated at Door No.31/21 Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Ekkatuthangal, Chennai-600 032 and such further or other order or direction as this Honble Court.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.P.K.Sabapathi

For Respondent(s): Mr.E.C.Ramesh SC-R1 & R5
Mr.C.Gauthamaraj -St.C- R2
Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal, AGP
R3 & R4

ORDER

Heard Mr. P.K.Sabapathi for the petitioner, Mr.E.C.Ramesh for R1 & R5, Mr.C.Gauthamaraj for R2 and Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal, for R3 & R4.

2. The petitioner seeks a writ of mandamus directing the respondents not to erect a bus shelter and a public toilet in front of petitioner's property situated in Door No. 31/21, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Ekkattuthangal Road, Chennai – 32. The petitioner claims that he secured the title to the property by virtue of a partition deed in the year 2003. After having taken possession of the property, he has put up a superstructure, consisting of ground and two floors. On the ground floor, he has let out the property for non-residential /commercial use. The cause of action for the writ petition is that, the respondents are constructing



a bus shelter and a toilet in front of his property and thereby, preventing his access to the Jawarlal Nehru Road. Furthermore, he fears that the public toilet will be constructed in the area in front of his property and thereby, adding to the inconvenience, which will be caused, on account of the bus shelter.

3. Taking note of the submission of Mr.P.K.Sabapathi, I called upon Mr.E.C.Ramesh to get instructions from the respondents.

4. Mr.E.C.Ramesh has been instructed by the Assistant Commissioner (Senior Grade), Zone – XIII, Greater Chennai Corporation. The affidavit shows that the proposed shelter presently under constructions is not a new one. The Greater Chennai Corporation is merely replacing the earlier bus shelter with a modern structure. The affidavit further states that the size of the bus shelter has not been increased and will remain the same as it was earlier. The 5th respondent has also stated that the Greater Chennai Corporation is not going to encroach upon the carriage way and the pedestrian walkway running in front of the petitioner's property. The affidavit further adds that there is no proposal for the construction of a toilet block adjacent to the bus shelter. The affidavit filed by the Assistant Commissioner is scanned and extracted:-



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Ekkatuthangal,
Chennai-600 032....Petitioner

-Vs-

The Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation
Rippon Building,
Poonamalle High Road,
Chennai-600 003
and 4 Others.Respondents

REPORT FILED BY THE FIFTH RESPONDENT

I,S.Senthilkumaran, S/o. M.V.Srinivasan, Hindu, aged about 53 years,the Assistant Commissioner (Senior Grade), having Office at No.115, Dr.Muthulakshmi Salai, Adayar, Zone-13, Chennai-600 020, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

1. I respectfully submit that I have been arrayed as the 5threspondent herein as the Zonal Officer and now the said post has been converted as the Assistant Commissioner and as such, I am well acquainted and conversant with the facts of the present case. I am filing the present status report in the case.

2. I respectfully submit that I deny each and entire averments set out in the Affidavit filed in support of the writ petition.

3. I respectfully submit that the petitioner has filed the above writ petition praying to issue a Writ or Order or Direction or in the

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nature of WRIT OF MANDAMUS directing the respondents herein not to erect waiting shed and not to construct public toilet in front of the petitioner's property situated at Door No.31/21, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Ekkatuthangal, Chennai - 600 032.

4. I respectfully submit that Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) being the oldest municipal body in India and the administrative authority for Chennai City has continuously strived to upgrade public infrastructure in line with the growing demands of urban life. As a part of initiative to modernize and enhance public transport amenities, the Greater Chennai Corporation had proposed demolition and reconstruction of the Ekkatuthangal Bus shelters 1&2 located at Guindy, a critical arterial corridor in the Chennai City.

5. I respectfully submit that, Metropolitan Transport Corporation (MTC), Chennai, operates public bus services for the benefit of commuters in the Chennai Metropolitan Area (CMA). As a part of our ongoing efforts to enhance public transport facilities, and regularly considering commuter grievances and feedback, the Metropolitan Transport Corporation has requested necessary redevelopment of Bus Terminus and to provide comfortable commute and safety to the passengers in the City.

6. I respectfully submit that Greater Chennai Corporation has prepared Conceptual designs for Development of Bus shelters at Race Course road (Guindy), Ekkatuthangal, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Kumaran Nagar and Tollgate in Chennai Metropolitan area with the features of modern Tensile roof, foot path, seating



arrangement, roads etc., and if required, with additional features of Ticket counter, feeding room, rest room.

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7. I respectfully submit that the existing Bus shelter got deteriorated due to age of construction, weather exposure and the absence of modern amenities rendering it unsuitable for commuter use. The proposed project aims to replace the outdated structure with a new, durable and user-centric shelter equipped with improved seating, adequate lighting, universal accessibility, features and passenger information systems. This initiative aligns with the City's vision of promoting sustainable urban mobility and providing safe and comfortable facilities for all citizens, especially in high traffic zones like Guindy, which serves as a key transit point for office-goers, students and the general public.

8. I respectfully submit that the existing bus shelter was situated 3 metres away from the Petitioner's property with a feature of pedestrian walk way. It is also submitted that there will be no hindrance for ingress and egress to Jawaharlal Nehru Road.

9. I respectfully submit that the Greater Chennai Corporation has prepared an estimate for Dismantling existing Bus shelter and proposal of New Bus Shelter with Tensile roof at Ekkattuthangal (2 numbers) near petitioner's shop without any permanent enclosed structures like toilets, rooms or kiosks to maintain visibility and adhere to road safety regulations. It is further submitted that Structural elements will be positioned to avoid encroaching into the carriageway or pedestrian walkways.

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10. I respectfully submit that the Dismantling of existing Bus shelter and proposed New Bus Shelters with Tensile roof at Ekkattuthangal (2 numbers) both situated directly along the Jawaharlal Nehru Inner ring road, a high-density arterial corridor catering thousands of passengers daily. It is also surrounded by key urban landmarks including Ekkatuthangal Metro station, the Guindy Industrial Estate, Commercial Buildings, colleges, and dense residential pockets. As such location demands robust and inclusive public infrastructure to support multimodal facility and pedestrian safety.

11. I respectfully submit that extent of the proposed construction of bus Terminus area does not go beyond the extent of existing bus shelter and also without any construction of Toilet block, as shown in enclosed drawing. I further submit that after getting prior administrative sanction and completion of tender process, the letter of acceptance was issued to M/S. Pressmach Infrastructure Private Limited on 25.07.2025 for execution of Dismantling of existing Bus shelter and construction of New Bus Shelter with Tensile roof at Ekkattuthangal (2 numbers).

12. I respectfully submit that Dismantling of existing Bus shelter and proposal of New Bus Shelter with Tensile roof at Ekkattuthangal (2nos) was commenced in coordination with Highways Department, Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited and Traffic Police for careful consideration of traffic constraints of the site, ensuring a compact, functional, and aesthetically pleasing solution.

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13. I respectfully submit that by upgrading these bus shelters, the project will significantly enhance the comfort, safety, and accessibility of thousands of daily commuters, especially passengers who travel daily through buses and individual workers in the area. This execution will serve as a model for future roadside transit infrastructure in similar urban settings.

14. I respectfully submit that dismantling of existing Bus shelter and construction of New Bus Shelter with Tensile roof at Ekkattuthangal (2nos) without any deviation from the old plan will no way disturb the Petitioner's property as his building is located 3metres away from the waiting shed and also, no public toilet had been planned to be constructed in the proposed site.

For the reasons stated above, it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to TAKE ON RECORD the Status Report filed by the 5th respondent herein and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the circumstances of the case and thus render justice.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai
on this the 17th day of December 2025
and signed his name in my presence

Before Me
ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (SENIOR GRADE)
ZONE - 13.
GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION
Advocate, Chennai

[Signature]
N. LAVANYA
(5357/2019)
No. 257, Angappan
Naickan St,
Chennai - 1

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5. The undertaking given in the affidavit that the new bus shelter will be of the same dimensions as the old bus shelter, and that there will not be no encroachment upon the public pathway and pedestrian walkway, is recorded.

6. The writ petition stands disposed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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