

WP(MD)No.4631 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 07.04.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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N.Govindaraju

... Petitioner

versus

1. The Director,
Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
No.293, M.K.N.Road,
Alandur,
Chennai – 600 016.
2. The Superintendent of Police,
Central Range,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Chennai.
3. The Directorate of Municipal Administration,
No.75, Urban Administrative Building,
Santhome High Road,
MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai – 600 028.
4. Soft Berry Company Ltd.,
Rep. By its Managing Director,
Mr.Manisekar,
1st Floor, Annandha Nagar,
4th Street, Wrichikuravu,
Karaikudi – 630 003,
Sivagangai District.

... Respondents



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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the 2nd respondent to conduct the preliminary enquiry based on the complaint given by the petitioner dated 05.05.2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Aravinthan,
for M/s.Aran Legal Consultancy

For R1 and R2 : Mr.T.Senthil Kumar,
Additional Public Prsecutor

For R3 : Mr.P.T.Thiraviam,
Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioner, a resident of Thanjavur Corporation, has lodged a complaint to the Director of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department on 05.05.2024 that in the process of removing the garbage, a fraud has been played in the Corporation to the tune of Rs.10.60 crore. The petitioner, with a grievance that his complaint dated 05.05.2024 was not attended by the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department, has filed this writ petition before this Court.

2. The Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department took a stand that the complaint of the petitioner was received on 07.05.2024. After



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receiving the complaint, they have made a formal request for permission as required under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act from the concerned Department and permission was also granted on 16.07.2024. Thereafter, they have also conducted the preliminary enquiry on 12.08.2024 and found *prima facie* materials that an offence has been committed by the Officers in the Corporation. It is a case for registering a regular case. Therefore, they have sent necessary proposal to the Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption along with the detailed report. The Commissioner of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department has to take a call on registering a regular case.

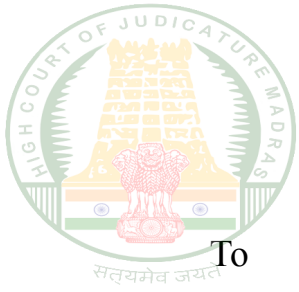
3. Recording the submission of the learned Additional Public Prosecutor, this Writ Petition is closed.

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