



W.P.(MD).No.3510 of 2019

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 25.06.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
AND
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE**

W.P.(MD).No.3510 of 2019
and
W.M.P.(MD).Nos.2754 and 3173 of 2019

P.Rajendran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Tirunelveli District,
Tirunelveli.

2.The Special Officer,
Pathamadaai Special Grade Panchayat,
Pathamadaai,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, restraining the 2nd respondent from demanding deposit money for water pipe connection from the people who have obtained water pipe connection prior to 2003 as pending deposit charges by giving retrospective effect to the amendment of bye-laws of Pathamadaai Panchayat dated 19.12.2003.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Jeyamohan
for Mr.K.Prabhu
For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.)

The grievance of the writ petitioner is that the second respondent Panchayat issued notice to 1400 residents claiming initial deposit amount for providing water pipe connection.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner states that enhanced caution deposit is demanded, which is not in accordance with law.

3. The learned Government Pleader appearing for the respondents would submit that it is a refundable deposit collected from the persons, who all are availing the water service connection in their buildings.

4. The Rule remains unchallenged. Therefore, the present Public Interest Litigation seeking to restrain the second respondent from demanding deposit money for water pipe connection cannot be entertained. Since caution deposit is



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a part of the connection charges as per the Rules or the Board Resolution, the relief cannot be granted.

5. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (A.D.M.C.,J.)
25.06.2025

NCC : Yes / No
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Internet : Yes / No
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