



W.P(MD)No.16071 of 2020

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 23.07.2025

CORAM:

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

**W.P(MD)No.16071 of 2020
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.13466 of 2020**

S.M.Anthony Muthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The District Collector,
Kanyakumari District,
Kanyakumari.
- 2.The Project Officer,
District Rural Development Agency,
Collectorate Campus,
Nagercoil.
- 3.The Assistant Director (Village Panchayats),
Collectorate Campus,
Nagercoil.
- 4.The Executive Engineer,
Village Panchayats,
Collectorate Campus,
Nagercoil.
- 5.The Commissioner,
Kurunthencode Panchayat Union,
Kurunthencode & Post,
Kanyakumari District.



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Secretariat, Chennai.

7.The Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.

8.The Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Secretariat, Chennai.

9.The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Chennai.

10.The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Panagal Building, Chennai.

11.The Director of Town Panchayats,
Directorate of Town Panchayats,
Urban Administrative Office Campus,
Chennai.

(R6 to R11 are suo motu impleaded vide court
order dated 18.11.2020)

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to constitute an Expert Committee to supervise the rural road works in Kanyakumari District to ensure the execution of the works as per the estimates, after milling/scrapping the existing roads and also to check and verify the measurements and quality of the roads after completion of the work, before settling the bills for the same.



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For Petitioner : Mrs.M.Viveka for
Mr.C.T.Perumal

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Govt. Pleader
(for RR1, to 4, 6 to 11)

Mr.M.Murugan (for R5)

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

This writ petition is filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents to constitute an Expert Committee to supervise the rural road works in Kanyakumari District to ensure the execution of the works as per the estimates, after milling/scraping the existing roads, and also to check and verify the measurements and quality of the roads after completion of the work, before settling the bills for the same.

2. The relief sought for in the present writ petition is misconceived. The court need not constitute the Expert Committee to supervise the rural road works in Kanyakumari District, since it is the duty of the department concerned to execute the work and maintain the same properly in consonance with the statutes and rules. Thus,



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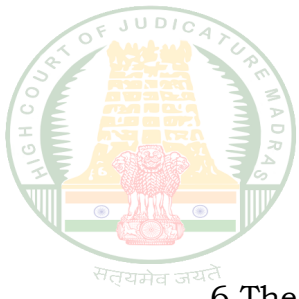
this writ petition stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently,
connected miscellaneous petition is also dismissed.

[S.M.S., J.] [A.D.M.C., J.]
23.07.2025

Index:Yes/No
Internet:Yes/No
NCC:Yes/No

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