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W.P.(MD) No.36330 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 18.12.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE G.JAYACHANDRAN
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN**

**W.P.(MD) No.36330 of 2025
and
W.M.P.(MD) No.28912 of 2025**

V.Reshma Jaya Gayathri

... Petitioner

-vs-

- 1.The District Collector /
Monitoring Committee
Tenkasi District
Tenkasi-627 811
- 2.The Transport Commissioner
Ezhilagam, Chepauk
Chennai-600 005
- 3.The Regional Transport Officer
Srivilliputtur-626 125
- 4.The Regional Transport Officer
Sivakasi-626 124



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5.The Regional Transport Officer
Sankarankoil-627 756

6.The Regional Transport Officer
Tenkasi-627 803

7.The Regional Transport Officer
Virudhunagar-626 002

8.Kayesr Group of Companies
Thoppupatti
Chettikulam
Rajapalayam
Tamil Nadu-626 117

9.P.J.Ramkumar Rajha

10.K.M.Prasanna

11.K.S.Muthusingappa Raja

12.P.R.Jeghadeesh

13.Shree Vedika

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue
a writ of mandamus:

- (a) directing respondent No.1, the head of the district
administration, to conduct an administrative enquiry into the
systemic lapses of the Regional Transport Offices



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- (respondents 3 – 7) in enforcing safety norms for the Kayesr Bus Company fleet, their inspection failures, and their handling of the RTI applications, to fix accountability,
- (b) directing the respondent No.2 to immediately consider the suspension or cancellation of all permits of vehicles operating under the Kayesr Group of Company brand, including those registered in the names of the individual permit holders (respondent 8 onwards), if found guilty of repeated or willful safety violations, particularly those contributing to the Kadayanallur mass casualty incident, exercising powers under MVA Section 86 and to conduct a comprehensive safety audit of all vehicles associated with the Kayesr Bus Company Group immediately and to frame and implement a state-level safety enforcement policy that mandates clear, automatic, and prompt action, including suspension or cancellation of permits, against repeat and willful safety violators who operate transport vehicles under fragmented ownership or alias brand models,



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- (c) directing the respondent Nos.3 to 7 to produce the complete and detailed enforcement and inspection records for the past five years related to all vehicles operating under the Kayesr Bus Company brand, overcoming the unjustified exemption claimed under RTI Section 8(1)(j) in the overwhelming public interest and
- (d) directing the competent Police Authority to immediately lodge an FIR against the owners (respondent No.9 to 13) of the Kayesr Group Bus Company under appropriate sections of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, and the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, for culpable homicide not amounting to murder or gross negligence leading to death and injury, based on the preliminary investigation report citing speeding and negligent driving causing the fatalities on November 24, 2025.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Rajasekar
for M/s.KKR Law Firm

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilakkumar
Government Pleader for R1 to R7



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3. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[G.J., J.] [K.K.R.K., J.]

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NCC : Yes / No

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