



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA**

**WP No. 895 of 2026
AND
WMP Nos. 1094 and 1097 OF 2026**

C.Mahalakshmi

W/o.Chandrasekar,

22-B, PVR Street, Mohanur Road,

Namakkal 637 001.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The Indian Oil Corporation Limited
Marketing Division, Southern Region,
Indian Oil Bhavan,
139, Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Chennai-600 034.

2.The Chief Terminal Officer
Indian Oil Corporation,
Coimbatore Terminal,
Athappan Gounden Pudur (Hamlet),
Coimbatore-641 103.

3.The Chief General Manager (Operations)
Indian Oil Corporation,
Marketing Division, southern region,
Indian oil Bhavan,
139, Uthamar Gandhi Road,
Chennai-600 034.

4.The Assistant Control Officer,



Office of the Labour Deputy Inspector
Legal Metrology Department,
Pollachi.

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..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus, to call for the records in IOC/ TNSO/ OPS/ CBE/ C MAHALAKSHMI dated 09.10.2025 quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to release the vehicles bearing registration numbers TN 88E 2283 and TN 88 E 2280.

For Petitioner(s)

Mr.S.Sheik Ismail

For Respondent(s):

Mr.Navod Prasannan For R1 To R3
Mr.V.Jeeva Giridharan
Additional Government Pleader
For R4

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for the following relief:

“To issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus, calling for the records in IOC/ TNSO/ OPS/ CBE/ C MAHALAKSHMI dated 09.10.2025 quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to release the vehicles bearing registration numbers TN 88E 2283 and TN 88 E 2280.



2. Heard the learned counsels on both sides and perused the materials available on record.

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3. It is submitted by the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents that the vehicles in question are now in the custody of the 4th respondent.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and without going into the merits of the case, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:

(i) The petitioner is directed to give an undertaking before the 4th respondent herein that as and when required, the vehicles will be produced before the 4th respondent. Upon such undertaking being given, the 4th respondent shall forthwith issue directions to the Indian Oil Corporation to release the vehicles bearing registration Numbers TN 88E 2283 and TN 88 E 2280 to the petitioner within a period of two weeks from the date of the said undertaking.

(ii) With reference to the recovery of compensation, it is open to the petitioner to institute the arbitration



proceedings as envisaged under the Metrology Department.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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