



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 5210 of 2026

N.Shanmugam

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. Commissioner
The State Information Commission,
Fanpet , Nandanam,
Chennai 600 001.
2. The First Appellate Authority
District Registrar Office,
Chengalpet 603 001
3. The Public Information Officer,
Joint Sub Registrar Office II,
Chengalpet 603 001.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer : This Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's appeal dated 7.08.2025 on merits, and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to furnish complete and certified information/ documents as sought for in the petitioner's application dated 28.04.2025 made under Section 6(1) of the Right to Information Act 2005, in respect of the property comprised in Survey No. 388/13 (part) measuring an extent of 0.20 1/4 cents (out of 0.40 1/2 cents) and lands bearing Survey No. 388/10 measuring an extent of 0.35 cents totally measuring 0.55 1/4 cents together with 1/4th undivided share in the well comprised in Survey No. 388/14 situated at



Kayarambedu Village, Chengalpattu Taluk, Kancheepuram District within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

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For Petitioner(s) : Mr.L.Dhamodharan

For Respondent(s) : Mr.C.Vigneshwaran
Standing Counsel – R1

Ms.Akila Rajendran
Govt.Advocate – R2 & R3

ORDER

Heard Mr.Damodaran, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, Mr.Vigneshwaran learned Standing Counsel appearing for the first respondent and Mr.Akila Rajendran, learned Government Advocate appearing for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

2. For the purpose of disposal of this writ petition, the facts which are necessary are set out hereunder :-

The petitioner has filed an application with the third respondent seeking information under 39 heads. The respondent issued a reply stating that the information could not be furnished. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner preferred an appeal before the second respondent.



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3. Since the third respondent did not furnish the information sought by the petitioner, he preferred an appeal before the first respondent on 07.08.2025. Claiming that the said appeal has not been numbered, he has filed the present writ petition.

4. When the matter came up for admission, after going through the information sought by the writ petitioner, I was of the view that there is no bar for the petitioner being furnished with copies of the same. Hence, I directed Mr.LSM.Hasan Fizal, to get instructions and submit a report before this Court. As the efforts of Mr.LSM Hasan Fizal were unsuccessful, I called upon the third respondent to be present in Court, along with the records.

5. When I took up the matter today, Ms.Akila Rajendran, who has entered appearance for respondent 2 and 3, has produced the records before this Court. It is represented that the third respondent has produced all the records available in his possession and that the same constitutes full compliance with the requirements of the writ petition.



6. Mr.L.Damodaran submitted that some more records are available with the third respondent which have not been produced.

7. Hence, the third respondent was called upon to file an affidavit stating that he has furnished all the necessary information in his possession and has also produced all the records that are under his control.

8. The third respondent filed an affidavit sworn to by Mr.N.Naveen, who is holding Office of Public Information Officer-cum-Joint Sub-Registrar II Chengalpet has been filed. The same is scanned and extracted hereunder :-



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Mr.N.Shanmugam,
Residing at:
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Kundrathur Taluk,
Kancheepuram District.

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..... Respondents

AFFIDAVIT FILED BY 3RD RESPONDENT

I, N. NAVEEN , son of NAKKEERAN, aged 36 years, currently discharging the duties as the Public Information Officer, Joint Sub Registrar Office – II, Chengalpet, having temporarily come down to Chennai, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

1. I submit that I the 3rd Respondent herein and as such I am well acquainted with the facts and circumstances of this case.
2. I most respectfully submit that the Petitioner herein has filed the present Writ Petition seeking a direction as against the 1st Respondent to dispose of the



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Second Appeal filed under the RTI Act and consequently direct the 3rd Respondent herein to provide information with respect to the information sought by the Petitioner in his RTI Application dated 28.04.2025.

3. I most respectfully submit that the Petitioner herein has totally sought Information under 39 heads in his RTI Application dated 28.04.2025. I submit that this Respondent has earlier sent a Reply dated 07.07.2025 to the said RTI Application. I submit that, being aggrieved by the said Reply, the Petitioner herein seems to have filed a Second Appeal before the 1st Respondent.
4. I submit that this Respondent has not deliberately withheld any information. I submit that the reply sent earlier was issued based on the premise that the Petitioner herein was seeking opinion of the registrar in respect of registration of documents. I submit that the said reply dated 07.07.2025 was not issued with an intention to withhold any information. I most respectfully submit my unconditional apology to this Hon'ble Court, if the information sent earlier is considered as evasive by this Hon'ble Court. I submit that this Respondent complies with the procedure established under the RTI Act and provides information as and when sought for.
5. I most respectfully submit that during the pendency of this Writ Petition, this 3rd Respondent has submitted a detailed reply dated 26.02.2026, thereby providing information for all the information sought by the Petitioner herein under 39 Heads in his RTI Application dated 28.04.2025. I submit that this Respondent has produced all the records available at this office and has provided all the information sought by the petitioner. I submit that this



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Respondent has also enclosed a copy of the extract of the record maintained in his office in respect of the information that has been sought.

6. I submit that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to take the above said Reply dated 26.02.2026 on record and dispose of the present Writ Petition. I most respectfully submit that this Respondent has neither willfully nor deliberately withheld any information. It is most respectfully that this respondent submitted my unconditional apology to this Hon'ble Court, if my actions are considered contrary to the provisions of RTI Act 2005. I submit that this Respondent will provide any further information, If this Hon'ble Court direct to provide if any, sought by the Petitioner.

In the light of the above, it is most humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to take this Affidavit on record and pass such order or orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and thus render justice.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai on
This the 27th day of February, 2026
And signed his name in my presence

[Signature]
Jt. II Sub Registrar
BEFORE ME
Chengalpattu



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9. A perusal of the paragraph No.5 of the affidavit shows that the third respondent has produced all the records available respondent has produced all the records available in his office and has also provided all the information that is under his control to the petitioner.

10. The affidavit is recorded.

11. Mr.Vigneshwaran states that the appeal filed by the petitioner on 07.08.2025 has been returned. Since the relief sought by the petitioner before the first respondent has already been granted by this Court, the Information Commission will not process the appeal concerned with this writ petition .

12. The writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN, J.

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