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W.P No. 6920 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R. SURESH KUMAR

WP No. 6920 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 7540 OF 2026

R.Ramani
S/o.Rangasamy,
No.107, Krishnapuri Nagar,
Adhanur Main Road, Adhanur,
Kundrathur Taluk,
Kanchipuram District- 603 202.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep by the Principal Secretary,
Public Work Department,
State of Tamil Nadu,
Fort St.George, Chennai-09.
2. The Engineer in Chief (water Resources
Organization) and Chief Engineer,
Public Work Department,
Chepauk, Chennai-05.
3. The District collector
Office of the District Collector,
Kanchipuram District- 631 501.
4. Assistant Divisional Engineer (Highways)
Office of the Assistant Divisional Engineer
(Highways), Kancheepuram Sub Division,
Kanchipuram - 631 501.



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5. The Thasildar
office of The Thasildar,
Kundrathur,
Kanchipuram District- 600 069.

..Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 20.02.2024 and to appoint a committee to inspect the width of the road from Manapakkam to Adhanur near vandalur and Consequently to pass appropriate orders to extend the existing width of the road in all places by atleast 40 feet for public safety issues.

For Petitioner :	Ms. K. Subhashini For M/s.Chennai Law Associates
For Respondents :	Mr. K. Karthik Jagannath, Government Advocate

Order

(Order of the Court was made by The Chief Justice)

The petitioner seeks a direction from this Court to the authorities to widen the existing road from Manappakkam to Adhanur near Vandalur and consequently direct the respondents to provide proper modification of traffic to avoid accidents.

2. There is no averment in the petition that the narrowed part of the road is lesser than the standard minimum width prescribed in the road construction manual. Therefore, the grievance of the petitioner appears to be that because of the increased traffic, there is a need for widening of the road.



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3. Learned State Counsel, upon instructions, would submit that expansion of road width is not found to be feasible because, on one side of the road there is a water channel and on the other side there is a lake. Therefore, for the purpose of widening of the road water body cannot be allowed to be affected.

4. We leave it to the authorities to work out whether it is possible to provide any other alternative road connecting Manappakkam and Adhanur. No direction can be issued for widening of the road as it would adversely affect the water bodies on either side of the road.

5. The writ petition is dismissed. However, there shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, C.J.) (R.SURESH KUMAR J.)

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