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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

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1. M.James Vinod
S/o Mohan, No A -315, Phase II,
TNHB, Sathuvachari, Vellore 632 009

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Inspector General of
Registration
Registration Department, Government
of Tamil nadu, Santhome High Road,
Chennai 600 028

2.The Sub Registrar
the Joint sub Registrar II,
Kancheepuram, Kancheepuram District

3.The Deputy Superintendent of police
Economic offences wing Headquarters
Ashok Nagar Chennai

Respondent(s)

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PRAYER

Calling for the records if the Impugned Refusal Check Slip dated 09.02.2026 in Refusal No. RFL / kanchipuram Joint II / 3/ 2026 issued by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to register the Settlement Deed dated 30.01.2026 presented by the petitioner

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For Petitioner(s): Mr. S. Mohamed Abbas for
M.R.Elavarasan

For Respondent: Ms. Aswini Devi K, Additional



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Government Advocate for R1
and R2

Mr. V. Meganathan, Government
Advocate for R3

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed, challenging the impugned refusal check slip dated 09.02.2026 issued by the second respondent, refusing to register the settlement deed dated 30.01.2026 presented by the petitioner for registration on the ground that the third respondent (Police) had sent a communication to the second respondent, not to register any document pertaining to the property for registration.

2. Admittedly, it is only the vendor of the petitioner, who is facing criminal proceedings and not the petitioner. The law is now well settled by various decisions rendered by this Court, which includes the order dated 19.02.2025 placed on record by the learned counsel for the petitioner in W.P. No.4969 of 2025 that the police is not vested with the power to direct the registering authority not to entertain any documents for registration.

3. The Inspector General of Registration viz., the first respondent herein, has also issued a circular dated 12.07.2024 that the police is not vested with the power to restrain the Registration Department from registering any document and that the aggrieved party has to obtain appropriate orders from the Civil



Court instead of using the police machinery to prevent the Registrar from performing the statutory functions. It has been made clear in the said circular that the registering officer cannot restrain registration of document merely based on the letter issued by the police officials.

4. In the instant case, only based on the letter issued by the third respondent (Police), the impugned refusal check slip dated 09.02.2026 has been issued by the second respondent, which is arbitrary and illegal as per the decisions rendered by this Court as well as the circular issued by the Registration Department themselves through the first respondent dated 12.07.2024.

5. For the foregoing reasons, since the impugned refusal check slip dated 09.02.2026 issued by the second respondent is arbitrary and illegal, the same has to be quashed by this Court.

6. Accordingly, the impugned refusal check slip dated 09.02.2026 issued by the second respondent is hereby quashed and this writ petition is allowed by directing the second respondent to register the settlement deed dated 30.01.2026 presented by the petitioner for registration, subject to payment of the stamp duty and registration fees as applicable within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No Costs.

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