



WP No.16419 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,  
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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Lakshmi Raja

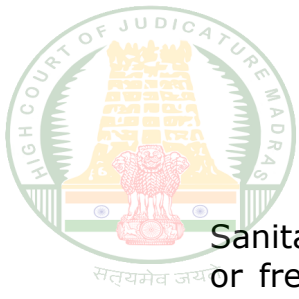
.. Petitioner

-VS-

1. Ministry of Social Welfare and Women  
Empowerment, Rep. By the  
Secretary to the Department,  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Through its Secretary,  
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
  2. Ministry of Civil Supplies and Consumer  
Protection, Rep. By the  
Secretary to the Department,  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Through its Secretary, Chepauk,  
Chennai 600 005.
  3. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Department, Rep. by the  
Secretary to the Department,  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Through its Secretary, Chennai 600 009.
- .. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for  
issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to include

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Sanitary Napkins which is an essential commodity, at a subsidized cost or free of cost under the Public Distribution System at all the Ration Shops within the jurisdiction of the State and issue necessary guidelines in this regard.

For Petitioner : Lakshmi Raja  
Party-in-person

For Respondents : Mr.P.S.Raman  
Advocate General  
Asst. by Mr.Edwin Prabakar  
State Govt.Pleader and  
Mr.K.Karthik Jagannath,  
Govt. Advocate.

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**ORDER**

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petitioner appearing in person has no objection if this writ petition is disposed of in the light of the order dated 03.03.2026 passed in this writ petition, in which this Court has recorded the averments made by the 3<sup>rd</sup> respondent in the affidavit and also the measures and steps taken by the State, as submitted by the learned Advocate General.



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In view of the above, no further order is required to be passed in this writ petition. Accordingly, this writ petition is disposed of in terms of the order dated 03.03.2026. There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, C.J.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)  
29.04.2026

Index : Yes/No  
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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To

1. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Social Welfare and Women  
Empowerment, Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.
2. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Civil Supplies and Consumer  
Protection, Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Chepauk, Chennai 600 005.
3. The Secretary,  
Ministry of Health and Family Welfare  
Department, Government of Tamil Nadu,  
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