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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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and WPMP.Crl.No.175 of 2026

P.Narayanan,
Joint Director of Municipal Administration,
Now Regional Director of Municipal Administration,
Vellore Region, Vellore – 632 012.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and
Water Supply (ME-4) Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.
2. The District Collector,
O/o District Collectorate, Thiruvallur
Thiruvallur District.
3. The Director Vigilance and Anti-Corruption
No.293, M.K.N.Road,
Alandur, Chennai 600 016.
4. The Director of Local Fund Audit,
No.571, Officers Building,
Veterinary Hospital Campus,
Opposite M C Raja Hospital,
Anna Salai, Nandanam,
Chennai – 600 035.



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5. The Commissioner,
Avadi City Municipal Corporation,
Avadi, Chennai – 600 054.
6. The Director of Municipal Administration,
No.75, Santhome High Road,
MRC Nagar, R.A.Puram,
Chennai – 600 028.
7. The Superintendent of Police,
Northern Range,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
Chennai – 16.
8. The Inspector of Police,
Vigilance and Anti-Corruption,
No.293, M.K.N.Road,
Alandur, Chennai – 600 016.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer : Writ Petition (Criminal) filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a writ of Mandamus, to forbear the respondents 3, 7 & 8 from conducting any enquiry on the basis of the audit objection para No.33(7) in Objection Chit No.113/2020-2021 and the audit objection para No.33(8) in Objection Chit No.114/2020-2021, which were dropped by the District High Level Committee, headed by the District Collector, Tiruvallur on 23.12.2025 by its proceeding No.2520377/2024/D4.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Gnanasekar

For R3, R7 & R8 : Mr.S.Udayakumar,
Government Advocate (Criminal Side)



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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking to forbear the respondents 3, 7 & 8 from conducting any enquiry on the basis of the audit objections dropped by the District High Level Committee, headed by the District Collector, Tiruvallur on 23.12.2025 by its proceeding No.2520377/2024/D4.

2. The petitioner, currently serving as the Regional Director of Municipal Administration, Vellore, is set to retire on 30.06.2026, upon reaching the age of superannuation. Previously, the Local Fund Audit Department raised specific audit objections against him. In response, the petitioner sent a representation to the District High Level Committee, headed by the District Collector, Tiruvallur. By considering the representation of the petitioner, the District Collector, acting as the Chairman of the District High Level Committee, ordered the deletion of audit paragraphs 33(7) and 33(8), which was against the petitioner. Despite this clearance, the respondents have initiated disciplinary proceedings against him. Consequently, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present Writ Petition.



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3. When the matter was listed on 17.03.2026, this Court heard both sides and passed the following order:-

“Mr.B.Kumar, learned Senior Counsel, appearing for the petitioner submitted that when the petitioner was working as a Commissioner of Avadi City Municipal Corporation, certain audit objections were raised, which were subsequently, directed by the District Collector, Thiruvallur District, to be deleted against the petitioner and others, vide proceedings in Na.Ka.No.2520377/2024/D4 dated 23.12.2025. However, the respondents have now initiated an enquiry. Therefore, in such circumstances, no enquiry should be conducted in respect of the audit objections that have been been deleted as against the petitioner.

2. Learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side) appearing for respondents 7 & 8, submitted that only a preliminary enquiry in P.E.No.07/2026/CORPN/CC-IV dated 25.02.2026 has been initiated and that further action would be taken only based on the outcome of the said enquiry. It was further submitted, on instructions from Ms.Judy Abigail, Inspector of Police, CC-IV, DVAC, that the proceedings of the District Collector dated 23.12.2025 would also be taken into account during the enquiry.

3. Post the matter after four weeks.”



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4. Today, a status report has been filed by the respondents 3, 7 & 8, along with the inquiry report. The relevant portion of the inquiry report reads thus:-

FINDINGS ON ALLEGATIONS:

Allegation -1:

During the period from 2020 to 2021, Accused Officers 1 & 3 abused their official position and in collusion with Accused-4 (Green Warriors Pvt. Ltd.), failed to deduct the mandatory 3% charges from the bill sanctioned to Accused-4 (Green Warriors Pvt. Ltd.) towards plastic waste disposal which is a mandatory criteria mentioned in the contract conditions and as per the rules and thereby caused a revenue loss Rs.40,63,805/- to the Government.

S.No.	Year	Work Nos.	Loss Amount
1.	2020-2021	1	Rs.20,18,212/-
2.	2020-2021	2	Rs.20,45,593/-
Total			Rs.40,63,805/-

Findings:

It is ascertained that, during the period from 2020 to 2021 as per the Proceedings of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration in order No.K.Dis.No.32976/J3/2018, dated 11.01.2019, (D-8) there is no provision, in the above-mentioned order, that 3% charges should be deducted from the bills sanctioned to the contractor towards the plastic waste disposal.



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It is noted that, this allegation of non deduction of 3 % of plastic waste charges was mentioned in the Local Fund Audit report in para 33(7) & 33(8) as an objection without any recommendation.

In this regard, a High Level Committee headed by the District Collector Thiruvallur Tr.M.Pratap I.A.S., Chairman along with members Tr.Ratna Kumar, Assistant Director Local Fund Audit/Vice Chairman, Tmt.R.Saranya I.A.S., Commissioner/Convenor, Avadi Corporation and Tr.P.V.Ravichandiran, AEE/Member, Avadi Corporation was formed as per G.O.(Ms)No.156, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (MA5(2)). Dated 15.12.2023 (D-1).

The High Level Committee was convened on 23.12.2025 and the outcome of the committee meeting was recorded as per the proceedings Na.Ka.No.2520377/2024/D4, Dated 23.12.2025(D-2).

In this proceedings the decision was taken to drop further action against the remarks of the Local Fund Audit vide para 33(7) & 33(8), stating that, as per the Proceedings of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration in order No.K.Dis.No.32976/13/2018, dated 11.01.2019(D-8) there is no provision, in the above-mentioned order, that 3% charges should be deducted from the bills sanctioned to the contractor towards the plastic waste disposal.

It is evident from the Proceedings of the Commissioner of Municipal Administration in order No.K.Dis.No.32976/13/2018, dated 11.01.2019, (D-8) and report of the High Level Committee proceedings Na.Ka.No.2520377/2024/D4, Dated 23.12.2025 (D-2), there is no provision that 3% charges should be deducted from the bills sanctioned to the contractor towards the plastic waste disposal. Therefore, as per the above mentioned provisions, there is no revenue loss to the Government during the year 2020-2021 for work 1 an amount of Rs.20,18,212/- and work 2 an amount of Rs.20,45,593/- totalling to Rs.40,63,805/-.

Hence the allegation-1 against AO-1, AO-3 & A-4 is not substantiated.



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5. The learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondents 3, 7 & 8, submitted that the respondents concerned conducted only a preliminary inquiry in PE.No.7/2026/CORPOR/CC-IV. He further submitted that since during the preliminary inquiry, the allegations against the petitioner/Accused Officer-1 were not substantiated, the respondents have dropped all further action. Consequently, nothing survives for further adjudication in the Writ Petition.

6. Taking into consideration the submissions made by the learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), appearing for the respondents 3, 7 & 8 and recording both the status report filed by the said respondents and the copy of the preliminary inquiry report produced before this Court, this Writ Petition stands closed. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is also closed.

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