



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

WP No. 11261 of 2026

P.Velmurugan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director Of Municipal Administration
Office of the Directorate of Municipal
Administration
No.75, Urban Administrative Building,
Santhome High Road,
MRC Nagar,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai 600028.
2. The Commissioner
Salem City Municipal Corporation
Salem.

..Respondent(s)

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to fix fair shop rent as per the rates fixed by the Public Works Department and allot the Petitioner with Shop No.140 in VOC Daily Market (Flower Market) situated at Ammapet, Salem by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 26.02.2026 within a time frame fixed by this Court and pass orders.

For Petitioner(s):

For Respondent(s):

Mr.S.Arjun

Dr.T.Seenivasan,

Special Government Pleader

For R1

M/s.N.Devi,

Standing Counsel

For R2



ORDER

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This writ petition has been filed seeking for a direction to the respondents to fix a fair rent for Shop No.140 in VOC Daily Market (Flower Market), situated at Ammapet, Salem, as per the rates fixed by the Public Works Department, and to allot the said shop to the petitioner based on the petitioner's representation dated 26.02.2026, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. According to the petitioner, since the licensee withdrew from the tender in April 2025 in respect of the shops in VOC Daily Market, situated at the address more fully described in the prayer to the writ petition, the petitioner is entitled for allotment of Shop No.140 and has requested the respondents to fix fair rent for the said shop, as per the rates fixed by the Public Works Department, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court. Since the petitioner's representation dated 26.02.2026 has not been considered, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

3. Dr.T.Seenivasan, learned Special Government Pleader, accepts notice for 1st respondent and Ms.N.Devi, learned Standing counsel, accepts notice for 2nd respondent.

4. No prejudice would be caused to the respondents if the petitioner's



representation, as stated above, are directed to be considered, on merits and in accordance with law, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

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5. This Court is not expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's representation.

6. For the foregoing reasons, this writ petition is disposed of by directing the 2nd respondent to pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law, on the petitioner's representation dated 26.02.2026, referred supra, seeking fixation of fair rent for Shop No.140, in VOC Daily Market at the address more fully disclosed in the prayer to the writ petition and allotment of the same to the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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