



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-06-2026

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**THE HON'BLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE N. MALA**

Writ Petition No. 17220 of 2026

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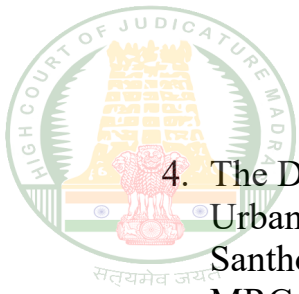
W.M.P.Nos.18499, 18502 & 18504 of 2026

Prani Mithran
Rep by its Managing Trustee Dr.V.Vallaiappan
No.26, 2nd street
Vasanthanagar
Madurai-625 003

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Director
Directorate of Animal Husbandry and
Veterinary Services
Integrated Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
Department office complex
571, Anna Salai, Veterinary Hospital Campus
Chennai-600 035.
2. The Member secretary
Directorate of Animal Husbandry and
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3. The Chief Executive Officer
Tamilnadu Animal Welfare Board
Thiruvannamithur
Chennai-600 041



4. The Director of Municipal Administration
Urban Administrative Building
Santhome High Road
MRC Nagar, Chennai-600 028

5. The Commissioner
Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation
Diwan Bahadur Road,
Near Axis Bank
R.S.Puram, Coimbatore-641 001

6. The Commissioner
Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation
Mangalam Road, Tiruppur-641 604

7. The Commissioner
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Bangalur Road,
Opp.to Thillai Nagar
Hosur-635109.

..Respondents

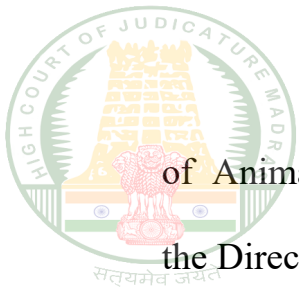
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 1st respondent pertaining to the impugned communication in ROC.No.15463/TNAWB/2022 dated 23.2.2026, quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the 1st to 3rd respondents to permit the petitioner to continue to operate the petitioner's Trust.

For Petitioner:	Mr.K.Kathiresan
For Respondents:	Mr.K.Surendar Government Advocate for R1 to R4 Mr.N.Umapathi, Standing Counsel for R5 Mr.Abishek Murthy for R6

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by Dr.G.Jayachandran J.)

The petitioner herein, claiming to be the Managing Trustee of an NGO, is before this Court challenging an internal communication between the Director



of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Government of Tamil Nadu and
the Director of Municipal Administration.

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2. The letter of communication dated 23.02.2026, which is impugned
in this Writ Petition, reads as follows:-

With references to the above cite, repeated violations committed by the NGO "**Prani Mithran**," entrusted with carrying out Animal Birth Control (ABC) surgeries and related activities. The Tamil Nadu Animal Welfare Board has received 17 formal complaints against this NGO between January 2023 and January 2026. These complaints specifically allege cruel and improperly conducted surgeries, mutilation of animals, gross negligence in post-operative care, and multiple deaths of animals and instances of non-compliance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.

As per the reference 8th and 9th cited, it is submitted that, the inspection reports received from the District Animal Welfare Officer, TNAWB and the Regional Joint Director, Tiruppur from the Animal Husbandry Department, serious irregularities have been noticed in the ABC Centre operated by the above said NGO.

It has been reported that during the inspection, the NGO representatives did not permit the inspecting officials to enter the premises and allegedly used unparliamentarily language against the Government officials, thereby obstructing the discharge of their official duties.

Further, based on the observations made during the visit, the following deficiencies and violations have been reported:

1. Absence of a proper Operation Theatre (OT) with necessary surgical equipment.
2. Kennels maintained in unhygienic conditions.
3. Non-performance of mandatory ear notching of sterilized dogs.
4. Carrying out improper activities in violation of the provisions of the Animal Birth Control Rules, 2023.



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The above lapses constitute serious violations of the statutory provisions and are detrimental to animal welfare and public health.

In view of the above, requested that, to take immediate appropriate action against the said NGO as per law, including suspension of engagement/permission to carry out the ABC Programme with the Municipal Corporations wherever the NGO is engaged/permitted to do so and any other ongoing assignments under Rule 5 of the Animal Birth Control Rules 2023.

Hence, I request your acknowledgment of this letter and information on the actions being taken at the earliest.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner states that the petitioner trust has been diligently discharging its duties. Therefore, it was shocked to receive the impugned communication addressed by the 1st respondent to the 3rd respondent.

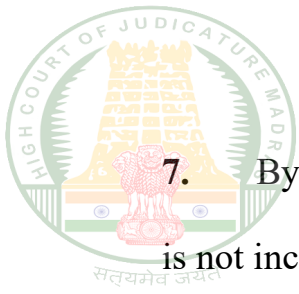
4. We are unable to countenance the said allegations of the petitioner herein in the light of the contents of the impugned communication, which clearly indicate that there are 17 formal complaints against the petitioner's trust for improper surgery, mutilation of animals, gross negligence in post-operative care and multiple deaths of animals. In view of the said complaints, the District Animal Welfare Officer has conducted necessary inspection and communicated the same to the Regional Joint Director of Animal Husbandry Department. As a



consequence, the Member Secretary/Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services had communicated to the Director of Municipal Administration to take appropriate action against the NGO as per law, including the suspension of engagement/permission to carry out the ABC programme with the Municipal Corporations wherever the NGO is engaged/permitted to do so.

5. The petitioner herein, to pre-empt the action likely to be taken against his conduct and negligence in post-operative care, had initially approached this Court by filing a W.P.No.11380 of 2026 with an identical prayer. The said writ petition was dismissed as withdrawn with liberty to the petitioner to workout his remedy in the manner known to law before the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court. Hence, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

6. From the reading of the impugned communication and the nature of the allegations, we find no illegality in the proposed action contemplated by the respondents. The petitioner trust, instead of submitting itself for a proper inspection, appears to have obstructed the process. When the inspection team visited their premises to carry out a spot inspection, they were not permitted to do so and the petitioner's representative also used unparliamentary words, thereby preventing the officials from discharging their official duties.



7. By filing this Writ Petition, it is obviously clear that the petitioner's trust is not inclined to submit itself to the due process contemplated under law, which enables the authorities to inspect the premises to verify complaints against the NGO. This Writ Petition has obviously been filed to pre-empt legal action from being taken against them for any illegality found.

8. Hence, this Writ Petition stands dismissed with costs of Rs.25,000/- payable to the Directorate of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Chennai. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed. No costs.

(G.J.,J.) (N.M.,J.)
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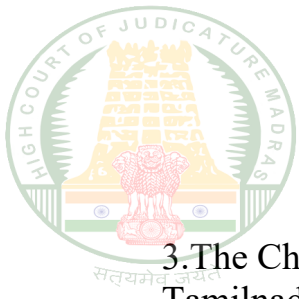
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