



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

W.M.P.Nos.15263, 15331 and 15332 of 2026
in W.P.No.43975 of 2025

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
Rep. by its Deputy General Manager - Retail
Chennai Retail Regional Office,
Petro Bhavan 2nd Floor
No.82 TTK Road, Alwarpet Chennai 600 018

Applicant(s) in WMP No.
15263/2026

Indian Oil Corporation Limited
Rep. by its Chief General Manager - Retail
139 Nungambakkam High Road
Chennai 600034

Applicant(s)in WMP No.
15331/2026

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
Rep. by its Territory Manager- Retail
VVS Gunnaji Rao
Sy No.354/1 Part, Athipattu Village,
Ponneri Taluk Tiruvallur District,
Chennai 600120.

Applicant(s)in WMP No.
15332/2026



Vs

V.B.R.Menon,
Advocate,
Apt. Nos.4A & B Brook Dale Apartments,
No.12, P.T. Rajan Salai, K.K. Nagar,
Chennai-600 078 and 3 others

Respondent(s)
in all WMPs

For Applicant(s): Mr.M.S.Krishnan
Senior Counsel
for Mr.Mohammed Fayaz Ali

For Respondent(s): Mr.V.B.R.Menon
for R1
Ms.D.Kamachi
Central Government Senior
Standing Counsel
for R2 to R4

COMMON ORDER

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

Heard.

2. These applications have been filed by the applicants to implead them as party respondents in the writ petition.

3. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the applicants submitted that the issues raised in the writ petition have direct



implications on the operations of petroleum retail outlets run by the applicants herein and, therefore, they are necessary parties to the writ petition.

4. Looking into the prayer sought for in the writ petition and for the reasons stated in the affidavits filed in support of the applications, we are of the view that the applicants are necessary parties to the writ petition for proper adjudication.

5. Accordingly, these applications are allowed. The applicants are impleaded as respondents 4 to 6 in the writ petition.

The Registry is directed to carryout necessary amendment in the cause-title.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
09.04.2026

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