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Cont.P.No.3734 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.04.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE T.VINOD KUMAR

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S.Gopal

... Petitioner

vs

1. Mr.T.Udhayachandran, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary,
Finance Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2. Dr.D.Karthikeyan, I.A.S.,
Principal Secretary,
Municipal Administration and
Water Supply Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

3. Thiru.M.Pradeep Kumar, I.A.S.,
Director,
Town Panchayat Administration,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai – 600 028.

... Respondents

Prayer: Contempt Petition is filed under Section 11 of Contempt of Courts Act, to punish the respondents for wilfully disobeying the order made in W.P.No.8939 of 2020 dated 22.11.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Raja
For Respondents : Mr.R.Neelakandan
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.V.Veluchamy
Additional Government Pleader



ORDER

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This contempt petition is filed alleging willful disobedience and non-compliance with the order dated 22.11.2023 in W.P.No.8939 of 2020.

2. When the contempt petition is taken up for hearing today, it is brought to the notice of this Court that the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court *vide* order dated 23.03.2026 in W.A.No.511 of 2026, while admitting the writ appeal, had passed interim order not to take any coercive steps by the respondents in the writ appeal against the appellant pursuant to the order dated 22.11.2023 in W.P.No.8939 of 2020. The Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court listed the writ appeal in the second week of June, 2026.

3. Since the order of this Court is *sub judice* before the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.511 of 2026, this Court is of the view that no useful purpose would be served in keeping the present contempt petition pending on the file of this Court.

4. Accordingly, this Contempt Petition is closed and the liberty is granted to the petitioner to seek revival of the contempt petition after



disposal of the writ appeal in the event of petitioner/respondent succeeding therein and the respondents failing to comply with the order.

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