



W.P.No.34099 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19.01.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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V.B.R. Menon

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Chief Secretary to Govt. of Puducherry
Secretariat, Goubert Avenue
Puducherry — 605 001.
2. The District Magistrate
New Revenue Complex
1st Floor, Vazhudavur Road
Vettaiyan Chathiram
Puducherry - 605 009.
3. The Chief Town Planner
Town and Country Planning Department
Municipality Office
Jawahar Nagar
Boomipet, Puducherry - 605 005
4. The Executive Engineer
National Highways - (PWD Office)
No.4, Labourdonnais Street
Puducherry - 605 001.



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5. The Member-Secretary
Puducherry Pollution Control Committee
3rd Floor, Anna Nagar
Puducherry - 605 005.

6. The Regional Director
Central Pollution Control Board
Regional Directorate (Chennai)
2nd floor, 77A, South Avenue Road
Ambattur Industrial Estate
Chennai- 600058.

7. The Joint Chief Controller of Explosives
South Circle, Chennai
' A and D Wing, Block No. 1 - 8
Shastri Bhavan, No.26, Haddows Road
Nungambakkam, Chennai- 600 006.

.. Respondents

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of Declaration to declare that the Siting Criteria prescribed under Central Pollution Control Board Office Memorandum No. B-13011/1/2019-20/AQM/10802-10847 dated 07.01.2020 and Addendum dated 16.08.2021, (ii) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways Circular No. RW-NH-33032/01/2017-S&R(R) dated 26.06.2020, (iii) Annexure - XII to The Puducherry Building Bye-Laws and Zoning Regulations, 2012 and (iv) Indian Road Congress Circular No. IRC-12-2009 shall be liable for strict compliance by the Respondents while issuing Site plan approvals, Licences and No Objection Certificates under Rule 131, 141 and 144 of The Petroleum Rules, 2002 to set up and operate New Petroleum Retail Outlets within the U.T. of Puducherry.



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For Petitioner : Mr.V.B.R.Menon
Party-in-Person

For Respondents : Mr.V.Vasanthakumar
Additional Government Pleader
for Respondents 1 to 5

ORDER

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

Petitioner, appearing in person, submits that by efflux of time,
petition is rendered infructuous.

2. Petition is disposed of as having rendered infructuous.
There shall be no order as to costs.

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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Index : Yes/No
Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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