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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 30.10.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

Contempt Petition No.47 of 2025
in
W.P.No.7660 of 2023
CNR: {HCMA012332602024}

Mrs.Jayachandra Mogan,
Managing Partner,
Atchaya Associates Group,
Off: D.No.4/129, V.O.C.Nagar,
Gudalur Post and Taluk,
Nilgiris District. ... Contempt Petitioner

Vs.

1. Ms.K.L.Suvitha
   The Commissioner,
   Gudalur Municipality,
   Gudalur, Nilgiris District,
   PIN 643 211.

2. P.Madhusudhan Reddy, I.A.S.,
   Director of Municipal Administration,
   Chennai.

   [Suo Motu impleaded as 2nd Respondent as per the Order of the Hon'ble Court made in Cont.P.No.47 of 2025, dated 30.07.2025] ... Respondents

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Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 & 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to issue statutory notices to the respondent and punish them for gross violation of the Order dt. 28.06.2023 passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.7660/2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Godson Swaminath
For M/s.Isaac Law Chambers

For Respondents : Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by Mr.Abraham Prabhu
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This contempt petition has been filed in the background of the order passed by this Court on 28.06.2023, wherein the following orders were passed in Paragraph 15:

> *"15. Considering the submissions, it is further ordered that the dues payable to the petitioner by the 3rd respondent shall be calculated as per the order of the District Collector and paid to the petitioner on or before 15th September 2023."*

2. This order was subsequently challenged belatedly before the Hon'ble Division Bench. However, the appeal was dismissed at the delay

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condonation stage on 24.09.2026 in C.M.P.Nos.18725 and 18727 of 2025 in W.A.Nos.SR 121427 and 121448 of 2025. As no further challenge has been made, the order of the Division Bench in the above writ appeal has attained finality.

3. The Learned Additional Advocate General for the respondents would submit that the amount payable to the workmen employed by the petitioner is to be paid. He further submitted that whatever amount was earlier paid had also not reached the workmen employed by the petitioner for the Solid Waste Management Service in Gudalur and Nelliyalam Municipalities, Nilgiris District.

4. The Learned Additional Advocate General, therefore, requested that the Court appoint an advocate commissioner to disburse the amount directly to the beneficiaries, namely the workers employed by the petitioner in the respective municipalities in Nilgiris District.

5. On a specific query as to whether the petitioner was maintaining any muster roll for the respective municipalities, it is informed by both the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Advocate

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General for the respondents that the muster roll was prepared and had been authenticated by the respondent commissioner through their offices.

6. It is also fairly conceded by the learned Additional Advocate General that the difference in the wages to be paid to the workers pursuant to the orders of the Collector can be directly paid to the beneficiaries.

7. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that he has no objection to the same.

8. Considering the above, with the consent of the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Advocate General representing the respondents, the following orders are passed:

i) The petitioner shall furnish the KYC details of each of the daily wage workers employed by the petitioner under the contract, together with all the details necessary to make a direct transfer by the office of the municipalities. This method will be without prejudice to the rights of the respondents and shall not, in any event, be treated as creating an employer-employee relationship between the respective municipalities and the workers.

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ii) The details of the daily wage workers and the amount to be paid directly shall be furnished by the petitioner within a period of two weeks from today.

iii) On such details being furnished, the respondents shall ensure that there is a direct transfer of the payment within a period of six weeks, together with interest at 8.5% per annum, and shall also ensure that proportionate amount is paid to the petitioner.

iv) The presence of the contemnor in this petition is dispensed with.

9. This Contempt Petition is closed with the above observations.

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Neutral Citation : Yes / No

To

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2. The Director of Municipal Administration, Chennai.

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