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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

WP No. 46706 of 2026

Case QR

{CNR:HCMA012659632026}

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..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Regional Transport Authority
   cum District Collector, Salem District.

2. The Regional Transport Officer,
   Salem West, Salem District.

..Respondents

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent herein to receive the application of the petitioner dated 12.10.2026 in Form CCPA along with the prescribed fee through online for the grant of Auto Rickshaw permit to operate the vehicle within radius of 30 K.M. distance from Salem Town Old Bus Stand, Salem, Salem District and to consider the same and to pass orders in accordance with law.

For Petitioner: Mr.A.Ganesan
For Respondents: Dr.R.Gouri,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the 2nd respondent to receive the petitioner's application dated 12.10.2026, submitted in Form CCPA, along with the prescribed fee through the online mode, for the

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grant of an auto-rickshaw permit to operate the vehicle within a radius of 30 kilometres from the Salem Town Old Bus Stand, Salem, Salem District.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, on 12.10.2026, the petitioner approached the office of the 2nd respondent to submit the aforesaid application. However, the 2nd respondent refused to receive the application and the prescribed fee, stating that instructions had been received from the Office of the Transport Commissioner-cum-State Transport Authority, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005, not to grant any fresh permits for auto-rickshaws.

3. This Court, in a similar matter, passed an order dated 15.05.2024 in W.P.No.12822 of 2024, following the order dated 10.04.2024 passed in W.P.No.9394 of 2024, which reads as follows:

> *"This Writ Petition has been filed for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to receive the application of the petitioner dated 11.03.2024 in Form CCPA and the prescribed fee wherein the petitioner has sought for a Auto Rickshaw Permit to operate the vehicle within the radius of 30 K.M. distance from Salem Town Old Bus Stand, Salem.*
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> *2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondent.*
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> *3. The issue involved in the present writ petition was dealt within the earlier Writ Petition in W.P.No.18034 of 2020 dated 11.12.2020. This Court after considering the earlier order passed in this regard, issued direction to the concerned Regional Transport Officer. Similar orders can also be issued in the present case, since, the said order will ensure to the benefit of the*

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petitioner also.

4. In the result, this writ petition is disposed of, with a direction to the respondent to receive the application of the petitioner dated 11.03.2024 in Form CCPA along with the prescribed fee for grant of Auto Rickshaw Permit and consider the same on its own merits and in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs."

4. Dr.R.Gouri, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, has no objection to follow the aforesaid orders. However, the only request made by the learned Special Government Pleader is that the petitioner may be directed to submit a fresh application, in accordance with law, before the respondents.

5. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the petitioner to submit a fresh application in Form CCPA, along with the prescribed fee, before both the respondents, seeking grant of an auto-rickshaw permit. On receipt of such application, the respondents are directed to consider the same on its own merits and in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the application. No costs.

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