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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 32 of 2026

and

WMP No. 24 of 2026

R.Nagaraj
S/o. Ramalingam
Running Mobile Petty shop
Near Ashargana Bus Stop, GST Road
Alandur, Chennai - 600 016.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Executive Officer
St. Thomas Mount, Cantonment Board,
Alandur, Chennai-600 016.
2. The Divisional Engineer (C & M)
Tamil Nadu Highway Department
Anna Salai, Saidapet
Chennai - 600 015.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the 2nd Respondent from interfering with the running of the petitioner's petty shop near Ashargana Bus Stop GST Road, Alandur, Chennai-600 016, wherein selling Tea, Coffee, Snacks, and prepared food items therein, till the 1st respondent decides the issue of granting permission on the petitioners representation dated 06.11.2025 and pass order



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.L.Chandrakumar

For Respondent(s): Ms.A. Remy Josephine Mary
for Mr.C.Mohan
of M/s.King & Partridge for R1

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a mandamus to the second respondent forbearing them from interfering with the running of the petitioner's petty shop in the subject property, till his representation dated 06.11.2025 was considered by the first respondent.

2. The petitioner's case is that he is running a petty shop near Ashargana Bus Stop, GST Road, Alandur, Chennai since 2008, selling tea, coffee, snacks etc., According to the petitioner, his petty shop is located beyond the platform of the road side margin and is no way causing disturbance to the general public and free flow of traffic. The petitioner would submit that the first respondent is the authority to conduct enumeration process of street vendors, so as to enable the second respondent to grant license / permission to run the vending shops, and the second respondent is the authority granting license / permission based on the enumeration process. The first respondent had conducted the enumeration process



in May, 2025 and the petitioner's shop was identified during the enumeration process.

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3. The petitioner would further submit that during November 2025, the existing bus shelter was demolished and accordingly the 2nd respondent had instructed the petitioner to shift his shop to a nearby place. The petitioner had complied with the instructions of the 2nd respondent and shifted his shop to a nearby vacant place on 05.11.2025. The petitioner had communicated the same to the first respondent on 06.11.2025 with a copy marked to the second respondent. In the said communication, the petitioner had requested the officials to grant licence for running his shop.

4. On 08.12.2025, the officials of the second respondent visited the shop of the petitioner and threatened that he should vacate the place within one week, failing which, the shop would be removed forcibly. The petitioner would contend that despite his explanation that he was identified in the enumeration process of the first respondent and was going to receive his licence shortly, the second respondent had turned a deaf ear to his request. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court seeking to forbear the respondents from interfering with the petty shop



run by him, till a decision is taken by the first respondent with regard to grant of licence.

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5. Heard Mr.L.Chandrakumar, learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms.A.Rexy Josephine Mary for Mr.C.Mohan of M/s.King & Partridge for the first respondent and Mr.Yogesh Kannadasan, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the second respondent.

6. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, it was brought to the notice of the Court the letter dated 21.11.2025 issued by the first respondent to the petitioner, clearly states that the implementation of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014, is expected to be completed by end of January 2026, and therefore, it is unclear at this point as to whether the permission be granted to street vendors in the subject location, as the vending zones have not yet framed. It is also informed before the Court that steps have not been taken by the authorities to remove the petitioner's shop as of now.

7. Recording the above submissions, the writ petition is disposed of. However, as and when the second respondent decides to remove the shop of the



petitioner, they can do so, after following the due process of law. No costs.

Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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