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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED :30.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

W.P(MD)No.7161 of 2022

A.Karuppaiah

... Petitioner

.Vs.

The Commissioner,
Aranthangi Municipality.
Aranthangi.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to exempt the Petitioner from paying the tender amount of a sum of Rs.6,63,000/- for the tender period from 2021 to 2022 in view of the second lock down due to Covid-19 pandemic crisis on the basis of Petitioner's representation, dated 8.3.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Karthick Sevugaperumal

For Respondent : Mr.P.Mahenderan

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ



of Mandamus directing the respondents to exempt the Petitioner from paying the tender amount of Rs.6,63,000/- for the tender period from 2021 to 2022 in view of the second lock down due to Covid-19 pandemic crisis, on the basis of Petitioner's representation, dated 8.3.2022.

2.The learned counsel for the respondent brought to the notice of this Court that the Petitioner's representation was considered in the light G.O(D) No.337, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department(MA.IV) Department, dated 16.6.2023 stating that orders were passed. Para 8 of the common counter filed by the respondent reads as follows:

"8.It is further submitted that the Petitioner(Karuppaiah) has paid the annual lease amount for the period 2021-2022, 2022-2023. As far as payment of lease for annual year 2023-2024 is concerned, this respondent has deducted a sum of Rs.,1,10,500/-(during the period 1.5.2021 to 31.6.2021)/Second Wave period) and thereafter the Petitioner has paid a sum of Rs.6,22,457/- out of the amount of Rs. 7,32,957/- Hence this respondent has extended waiver benefits during Covid-19 period by following the above said Government Order in letter and spirit. The petitioner also duly accepted the same and here are no arrears payable by him in respect of the petitioner namely Karuppaiah in W.P(MD)No.7161 of 2022.As far as the said Writ Petition becomes infructuous."



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3. In view of the above said facts, the Petitioner's request for exemption has been considered by the respondent Municipality and as such, no further orders are called for from this Court.

4. With the above observation, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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NCS : Yes/No
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