



W.P.(MD)No.10989 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P.(MD)No.10989 of 2022

and

WMP.(MD) No.7923 of 2022

S.R.Chandran

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The District Collector,
Tenkasi District
Tenkasi

2.The Assistant Director of Panchayat
Tirunelveli Region
Tirunelveli

3.The Executive Officer
Courtallam Special Grade Town Panchayat
Courtallam
Tenkasi District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the entire records relating to the impugned order in Na.Ka.No. 46/2021/A3, dated 31.12.2021, and quash the same and consequently direct the 3rd respondent to extend the lease period of right in respect of collecting charges for Main Falls Car Parking charges by the petitioner for the period of 2022-2023, by adjusting the



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petitioner bid amount paid for the year of 2021-2022 and reconsider the petitioners representation dated 10.05.2022.

For Petitioner :Mr.T.Prabakaran
For R1 & R2 :Mr.SS.Madhavan
Additional Government Pleader
For R3 :Mr.A.Sekar

ORDER

The petitioner has filed the present writ petition challenging the order dated 31.12.2021 issued by the third respondent.

2. By the said order, the request made by the petitioner seeking adjustment of the COVID-19 period, during which he was unable to collect parking fees for the lease period 2021–2022, came to be rejected.

3. The case of the petitioner is that he was the successful bidder and was granted the right to collect parking fees for the period 2021–2022. According to the petitioner, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the consequent restrictions imposed by the authorities, public movement was severely curtailed and commercial activities were largely affected. As a result, the petitioner was unable



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to effectively operate the parking facility and collect the parking fees as contemplated under the terms of the lease, thereby causing substantial financial loss to him. In view of the same, the petitioner submitted a representation to the respondents requesting that the period during which the COVID-19 restrictions were in force be adjusted by extending the lease period so as to enable him to recover the loss suffered.

4. The said request, however, came to be rejected by the third respondent through the impugned order dated 31.12.2021. Aggrieved by the rejection of his request, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of the present writ petition.

5. The learned counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the lease period for which the petitioner was granted the right to collect parking fees has already expired. It was further submitted that for the subsequent period, namely for the year 2022–2023 and thereafter, the respondents have already granted the lease in favour of another successful bidder. In view of the subsequent developments, the learned counsel submitted that the relief sought for by the



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petitioner for extension of the lease period would no longer survive for consideration.

6. This Court has considered the submissions made on either side and perused the materials placed on record.

7. In view of the fact that the lease period granted to the petitioner has already come to an end and the lease for the subsequent period has been granted to another successful bidder, no effective relief can be granted to the petitioner at this stage. Therefore, the cause raised in the present writ petition has become infructuous.

8. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed as infructuous. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR, J.

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