

W.P.(MD)No.15147 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 08.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

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... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Director,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Panagal Building, Saidapet, Chennai 600 015.

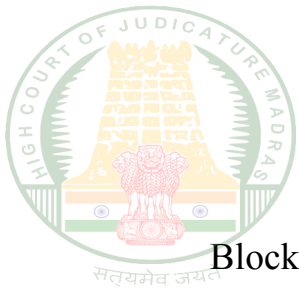
2.The District Collector,
District Collector Office, Tirunelveli District.

3.The Block Development Officer,
(Village Panchayats), Valliyoor Panchayat Union,
Valliyoor, Tirunelveli District.

4.The President,
Thanarkarkulam Village Panchayat,
Thanakarkulam,
Tirunelveli District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the Respondents, particularly Respondents 2 and 3, to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 20.04.2026 and consequently process and release the sum of Rs.44,83,304/- payable towards the nine completed Paver



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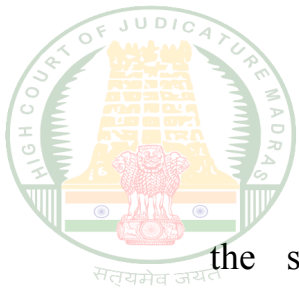
Block Road works executed under MGNREGS in Thanarkarkulam Village Panchayat, together with applicable interest for the delayed payment, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner :Mr.S.Michel Heldon Kumar
For R1 to R3 :Mrs.K.R.Shivashankari
Government Advocate

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking a direction to respondents 2 and 3 to process and release a sum of **Rs.44,83,304/-**, claimed to be due for nine Paver Block Road works executed under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)** in Thanarkarkulam Village Panchayat, along with applicable interest for the delayed payment.

2.According to the petitioner, he was awarded work orders for the execution of nine Paver Block Road projects under MGNREGS and completed the works satisfactorily. After completion, he submitted bills for payment of Rs.44,83,304/- to the third respondent. However, the third respondent informed him that the required funds had to be allocated by



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the second respondent. Consequently, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 20.04.2026 to the respondents seeking disbursement of the amount. Since no action was taken on the representation, the present writ petition was filed.

3.The learned Government Advocate, appearing for respondents 1 to 3, submitted on instructions that the petitioner's representation dated 20.04.2026 would be considered and disposed of by the second respondent on its own merits within the time stipulated by the Court. This submission was recorded.

4.Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's claim, this Court directs the second respondent to consider and dispose of the representation dated 20.04.2026 in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders.

5.The said exercise shall be completed within **four weeks** from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.



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6. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No order as to costs.

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