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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

WP(MD) No. 31303 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011552622026}

Case QR

Karthick,
S/o.Late. Rasu alias Rajupillai,
No.13, Salem Road,
Musiri, Trichy District - 621 211.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Regional Transport Authority cum
   District Collector,
   O/o. Collectorate, Trichy.

2. The Regional Transport Officer,
   Srirangam, Trichy District.

3. Kailasam,
   S/o. Shanmugam,
   No.2, Mathakovil Street,
   Musiri, Trichy - 621 211.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the first and second respondents to conduct an inquiry with the legal heirs of the petitioner's father Mr.Rasu (a) Rajupillai, S/o.Shanmugampillai, to reconsider the order bearing PS.C.No.111/KRR/1993 dated 08.06.1993 regarding the transfer of permit by considering the petitioner's representation dated 09.09.2026 and dispose the same within the time limit as fixed by this Court.

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For Petitioner : Mr.T.Padmanabhan

For R1 & R2 : Mr.A.Siva Subramanian
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner asserts that his father, Mr. Rasu (a) Rajupillai, was a stage carriage operator in respect of vehicle bearing Registration No. TDS 6771 and that a valid permit was granted by the first respondent to operate on the routes between Musiri Bus Stand and the Government Arts College. According to the petitioner, after his father's death on 24.02.1993, the permit was fraudulently transferred to the name of the third respondent. Upon the petitioner coming to know of the same, it is stated that O.S. No. 8 of 2026 was filed before the District Munsif Court, Musiri and that said suit is pending. In these circumstances, the petitioner has approached this Court for the conduct of an inquiry after submitting representation dated 09.09.2026.

2. Mr.A.Siva Subramanian, learned Additional Government Pleader, accepts notice for the first and second respondents.

3. The order of transfer of ownership was issued on 08.06.1993. Although the petitioner was a minor at that point of time, the petitioner undoubtedly attained the age of majority about 28 years ago. While the

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Limitation Act does not *per se* apply to proceedings under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, laches is an important consideration. In the absence of satisfactory explanation for the inordinate delay in instituting this Writ Petition, the petitioner is not entitled to discretionary relief. Therefore, this Writ Petition is disposed of by declining to grant relief to the petitioner. This order will not, however, stand in the way of any civil proceedings instituted by the petitioner. Such proceedings shall be dealt with by the court concerned in accordance with law. There shall be no order as to costs.

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