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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

WP(MD) No. 31238 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011568092026}

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector,
   Office Of The District Collector,
   Sivagangai District

2. The Project Director, District Rural Development Agency,
   Sivagangai District.

3. The Block Development Officer,
   Office Of The Block Development Officer,
   Thiurppuvanam,
   Sivagangai District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents 1 and 2 herein to direct the 3rd respondent to forthwith release the amount payable to the Petitioner as per his work order No A7/3233/2024 dated 20.02.2026 by considering his representation dated 21.10.2026, within a time as may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner(s) :Mr.V. Malaiyendran

For Respondent(s) :Mr.T.Thirumurugan
Special Government Pleader
For R1 & R2
Mr.K.K.Udhayakumar

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Government Advocate
For R3

ORDER

Seeking to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to direct the 3rd respondent to forthwith release the amount payable to the Petitioner as per his work order No A7/3233/2024 dated 20.02.2026 by considering his representation dated 21.10.2026, this writ petition is filed.

2. The petitioner, being an approved beneficiary under the Kalaignar Kanavu Illam Scheme, commenced reconstruction of his house pursuant to the Work Order dated 20.02.2026 and completed construction up to the slab/roof level. Despite inspection and verification by the respondent officials, the sanctioned financial assistance has not been released on the untenable ground that the construction has not reached the roof level. Though the petitioner submitted a representation dated 21.10.2026, the respondents failed to release the eligible amount. Hence, this writ petition.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and carefully perused the materials available on record.

4. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the

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respondent to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation made by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking the extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

5. Without going into the merits of the case, this Court directs the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 21.10.2026 and pass appropriate orders within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.
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