



W.P.(MD).No.35696 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 08.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

W.P(MD)No.35696 of 2025

and

W.M.P(MD) No.28288 of 2025

P.Thirumani Raja

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The President,
Pranur Panchayat,
Pranur, Tenkasi District.

2. The Block Development Officer,
Tenkasi Panchayat Union,
Tenkasi District.

3. The District Collector,
Tenkasi District,
Tenkasi.

... Respondents

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 lease the properties of the Panchayat viz., shops bearing Shop Nos.12,16 and 17 in the Pranur Panchayat, Tenkasi Panchayat Union, Tenkasi District only by conducting public auction in accordance with the provisions of Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Procedure for conducting public auction for leases and sales in the Panchayats) Rules, 2001 for the period from 2025 to 2028.



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For Petitioner : M/s.S.Selva Aditya
For R1 and R2 : Mr.S.S.Madhavan
Additional Government Pleader
For R3 : Mrs.D.Farjana Ghoushia
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a Mandamus directing the respondents to lease out the properties of the Panchayat only by conducting public auction in accordance with the provisions of Tamil Nadu Panchayats (Procedure for conducting public auction for leases and sales in the Panchayats) Rules, 2001, for the period from 2025 to 2028.

2. When the matter was taken up for admission, this Court has granted an order of interim injunction not to lease out the shops without following the due procedures.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the third respondent brought to the notice of this Court that paper publication has been effected in Thirunelveli Edition, “Dinamalar” on 31.12.2025 for conducting



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public auction for leasing out shops. She further submits that in all the adjacent panchayat offices, advertisements have been made.

4. In view of the above said facts, this Writ Petition stands disposed of with a direction to the respondents to strictly adhere to the statutory provisions in conducting the public auction. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently connected Miscellaneous Petition stands closed.

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NCC : Yes/No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No
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