

W.P.No.8319 of 2018

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 01.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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and

W.M.P.No.10318 of 2018

K.Rajendran (President),
N-299, Naluvadhapathy Marine Fisherman,
Co-operative Association,
Kothankadu, Pushpavanam Post,
Nagapattinam District.

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Election Officer /
Assistant Director of Fisheries,
Nagapattinam – South,
Nagapattinam District & 4 Others.
2. The District Collector,
Nagapattinam District,
Nagapattinam.
3. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Vedharanyam Taluk,
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Nagapattinam District.



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4. The Special Officer,
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Vedharanyam Taluk,
Vedharanyam,
Nagapattinam District.

5. The Inspector of (Marine) Fisheries,
Serudhur,
Velankanni Via,
Nagapattinam District.

... Respondents

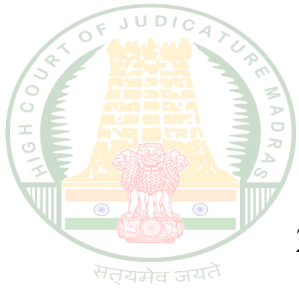
Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ of Certiorari calling for the records relating to the Election Proceedings of the 1st respondent dated 19.03.2018 in Na.Ka.No.396/2018/OO and quash the same and direct the 1st respondent to conduct the Election to the Naluvedhpathi, Marine Fisher Co-Operative Society only after disbursing the grants, benefits and financial assistances and other grievance of the member of the said Naluvedhpathi, Marine Fisher Co-operative Society.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Thamizhavel

For Respondents : Mr.L.S.M.Hasan Fizal, AGP

ORDER

The petitioner is a former president of Z-299, Naluvedhpathi, Marine Fisherman Co-operative Society, Vedaraniyam Taluk, Nagapattinam District.

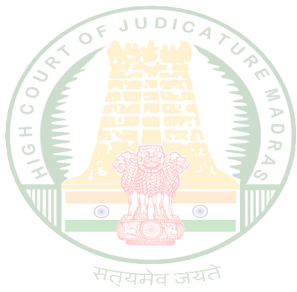


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2. According to him, the members of the Society should engage in full time fishing. The period of membership is between 18 to 60 years. The petitioner states that the members of the Co-operative Society are entitled to grants, regularly announced by the State and the Central Government. He had earlier filed a writ petition in W.P.No.5014 of 2018 seeking a direction against the respondents to contribute to the National Fishermen / Fisherwoman Saving cum Relief Scheme. The said writ petition has been dismissed on 29.08.2019. The petitioner states that the grants, benefits and financial assistance by the State and Central Government are not been paid to the members of the Society. He further states that the Election to the Society had not been conducted in accordance with law. Hence, the present writ petition.

3. When the writ petition came up for hearing, there is no representation for the petitioner. Mr.L.S.M.Hassan Fizal, Additional Government Pleader appears for the respondents. He has produced instructions from Assistant Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department, Nagapattinam dated 01.12.2025. The said instructions are scanned and extracted hereunder:



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Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department

From:
Thiru.G.Jayaraj,M.F.Sc.,
Assistant Director of Fisheries and
fishermen welfare,
Nagapattinam.

To:
The Government Pleader,
Madras High Court,
Chennai-600104

R.C.No. 396/F/2018

Date: 01.01.2025

Sir,

Sub: Fisheries and Fishermen's Welfare Department - Nagapattinam District -W.P.No. 8319/2018 filed by K.Rajendran,President,Z-299,Naluvadhpathy Marine Fishermen Co-Operative Association ,Kothankadu,Pushpavanam Post,Nagapattinam District-Case details Submitted- Regarding.

With the writ petition, the petitioner requested to provide grants and financial assistance announced by both the Central and State Governments to all members of Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society. Secondly, he requested to provide fishing lease (Meen Paasi Kudathagai) to members of Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society. In W.P. No. 35182 of 2014, he requested to make 50 allied fishermen as a permanent members in Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society.

With the writ petition mentioned above, it is hereby submitted that the investigation made by Revenue and Fisheries Officials and it was found that 84 members are eligible for marine welfare schemes in Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society. Of these, 72 fishermen families were provided with relief assistance during the fishing ban period 2024 with ₹8,000 each, and 72 fishermen families were provided with relief assistance during the fishing lean period 2024 with ₹6,000 each. 54 fishermen were benefitted under the National Fishermen Saving-cum-Relief Scheme with ₹4,500 each during the year 2024.

It is also submitted that as Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society is formed only for marine fishermen, there was no way to provide fishing lease to canals for inland fishermen.

It is also submitted that as per case no W.P. No. 35182 of 2014, 50 fishermen are allied members in Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society. The eligible members of Z-299, Naluvadhpathy Sea Fishermen Cooperative Society have been submitted and considered as permanent members in the said society.

Now, all the welfare requests from the petitioner have been fulfilled. The issue said above are not relevant to Election. Therefore, it is prayed that the Honourable Court may be pleased to dismiss the above writ petition as devoid of merits and thus render justice.

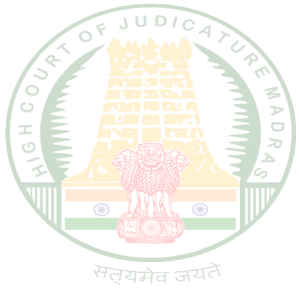
Sd/G.Jayaraj
Assistant Director of Fisheries and
fishermen welfare,
Nagapattinam.

Submitted By Order//


Inspector of Fisheries and
fishermen welfare,
Nagapattinam.

Copy Kindly Submitted to

The Director of Fisheries and fishermen welfare, Chennai-35.



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5. As the relief sought for by the petitioner has already been granted by the respondents, this writ petition is dismissed as infructuous. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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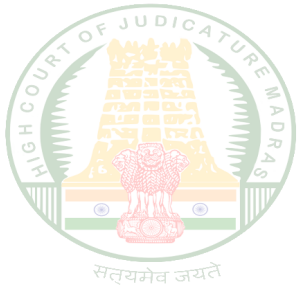
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