

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 7393 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 7945 OF 2026, WMP NO. 7946 OF 2026

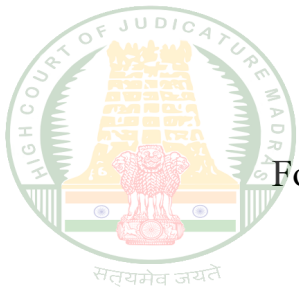
Arun Construction And Contractors
Rep. by its Managing Partner,
A.RAthna,
Thalapallam Village,
Bikkampatti post,
Pennagaram Taluk,
Dharmapuri district 636 813

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by the Superintending Engineer,
Highways Department,
Construction and Maintenance circle,
Salem 7,
Salem district
2. The Divisional Engineer
Highways Department,
Construction and Maintenance circle,
Krishnagiri,
Krishnagiri district

..Respondent(s)



For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Balu

WEB COPY For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Suresh Kumar, AAG, Assisted by
Mr.S.Rajesh, GA for R.1 and R.2.

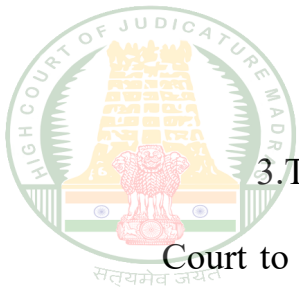
Order

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2. The petitioner has challenged the order dated 12.02.2026 rejecting the petitioner's bid. From the impugned order it appears that the petitioner's bid has been rejected on the following grounds:-

“ (I) The applicant in the same name and style, as prime contractor should have successfully completed at least one contract (Highways road and/or Bridge works / Airport contract) at least 40% of the value of proposed contract in any one year within the last five years.

(ii) This experience in similar nature of work should also include the minimum quantities of works completed in any one year during the last five years.

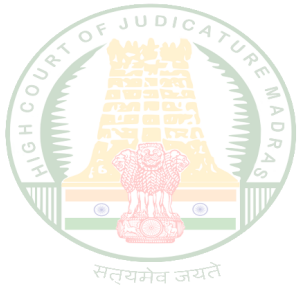


3. The learned counsel for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this Court to the documents submitted along with the bid, which include the work experience certificate. A perusal of the said document shows that the estimated value of the work was Rs. 1,690.00 lakhs and the total value of the work executed was Rs.13,67,16,685/-. The work was actually completed on 11.09.2025, whereas under the agreement, the stipulated date of completion was 13.10.2025. Thus, it is evident that the petitioner completed the work nearly a month prior to the date fixed in the agreement. This work experience is sought to be distinguished by the learned AAG, who contends that the year mentioned refers to the financial year. However, a perusal of the General Clauses Act would clearly indicate that “year” refers to the British calendar year, i.e., from January to December, whereas the financial year runs from April to March.

4. In view of the above, a prima facie case has been made out by the petitioner for the grant of an interim order. Hence, there shall be an order of interim stay, as prayed for, till 11.03.2026.

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