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REV.APLW No. 53 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-03-2026

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

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AND

WMP NO. 10149 & 10150 of 2026

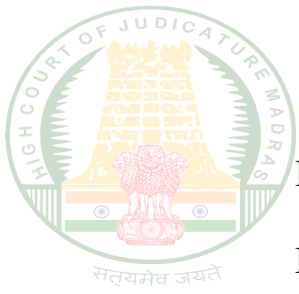
P.Annadurai
Son of Pachaiappa Gounder
25A Kaliappa Gounder St.,
Dharmapuri.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. P.Baskaran
S/o Pachaiappan,
Engineering Contractor,
No 41/2, 1st Cross Street,
Nedumaran Nagar, Dharmapuri.
2. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Secretary,
Highways Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
3. The Superintendent Engineer
Highways Department,
Construction Maintenance,
Steel Plant Road,
Jahirammappalayam,
Salem 636 302
4. The Tender Scrutiny Committee
Highways Department,
Steel Plant Road,
Jahirammappalayam,
Salem 636 302.

..Respondent(s)



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For Petitioner:

Mr.Sharath Chandran

For Respondents:

Mr.P.Dinesh Kumar for R1

Mr.V.Jeevagiridharan

Additional Government Pleader for R2 to R4

ORDER

The manner in which the works contract has been awarded to the first respondent / writ petitioner, is distressing.

2. This Court had passed an order in W.P.No.6338 of 2026 on 18.02.2026, directing the Tender Scrutiny Committee, Highways Department, Salem to consider the petitioner's financial bid. Immediately, a review petition has been filed by a third party in WMP.No.9118 of 2026 in Rev.Aplw.SR.No.36574 of 2026 seeking leave to review the order of this Court in W.P.No.6338 of 2026, alleging that he is the successful bid and was declared as L1, but the writ petitioner had obtained the order of this Court by suppressing the material facts and without impleading him as a party respondent, which is a serious allegation. If the same is proved then the order has to be recalled.

3. In WMP.No.9118 of 2026, notice was ordered on 27.02.2026 in the presence of the Government Advocate, permitting the petitioner to serve the counsel who had appeared for the writ petitioner and the matter was directed to be listed on 03.03.2026. On 03.03.2026, leave was granted and at which



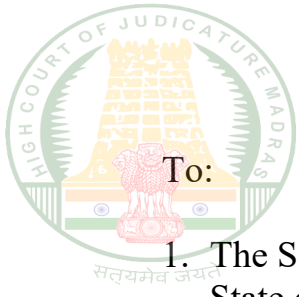
point in time, this Court was not informed that the contract had already been granted to the first respondent/writ petitioner. The matter was then posted for filing counter.

4. Today, when the matter is listed, it is informed that a day prior to the order dated 03.03.2026, granting leave by this Court, the work contract has been issued to the first respondent. This is nothing but an attempt to circumvent the order of the Court, and to ultimately make it a *fait accompli*. This appears to be the strategy being adopted in tender matters. If this Court had been informed on 03.03.2026, about the contract being awarded to the 1st respondent, this Court would have stayed the same. However, with malafide motives the same was not brought to the notice of this Court. Therefore, there shall be an order restraining the 1st respondent from proceeding with the contract.

Post on 11.03.2026.

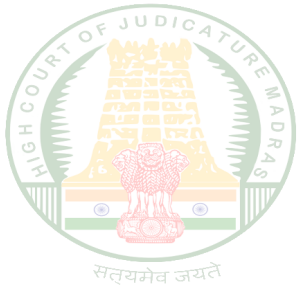
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To:

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