



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-03-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WMP Nos. 10310, 10315 & 10318 of 2026
in WP Nos. 9562, 9566 and 9569 of 2026**

A.Jalendraiya
C.Madurai
D.Tamil Balan

Petitioner in WP.No.9562 of 2026
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Vs

The Government Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its secretary to Government,
Water Resources (W2) Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 09 AND 2
OTHERS

Respondents in all the WPs'

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Shanmuga Sundaram

For Respondent: Ms.V.Yamuna Devi, SGP

COMMON ORDER

These petitions have been filed seeking to stay the operation of the Government order in G.O.(Ms).No.14, Water Resources (W2) Department dated 13.02.2026 on the file of the first respondent pending disposal of the above writ petitions.

2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the first respondent issued G.O.(Ms).No.14, Water Resources (W2) Department dated



13.02.2026 issued separate guidelines/ procedures for leasing of fishery rights by Water Resources Department to carry out fishery activities in the water bodies (Tanks and Reservoirs) under the control of Water Resources Department other than those for which permission is given to Animal Husbandry, Dairying, Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare Department for fish culture. The said Government Order is contrary to the order passed by this Court in W.P.Nos.6819 of 2023 etc., batch dated 21.06.2023.

3.Considering the prima facie case, there shall be an order of interim stay until further orders.

4.Notice. Post the matters along with W.P.No.9903 of 2026.

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To

1.The Government Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its secretary to Government,
Water Resources (W2) Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai 09

2.The Engineer - in- Chef Engineer
Chef Engineer (General) , Water
Resources Department, Chepauk,
Chennai 05

3.The Executive Engineer
Public works Department (WRD).
Kosasthalaiyaru Division, Thiruvallur



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WMP No. 10310 of 2026



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**WMP No. 10310 of 2026
IN WP No. 9562 of 2026**

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