



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

Writ Petition No.12878 of 2026

Govindasamy
S/o.Late Kaliappan

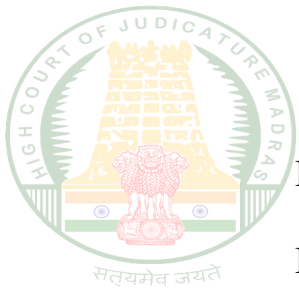
..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
cum Inspector of Panchayat,
Krishnagiri District,
Krishnagiri.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
and Sub-Divisional Executive Magistrate,
Krishnagiri Revenue Division,
Krishnagiri.
3. The Commissioner / Block Development Officer,
Village Panchayat,
Krishnagiri Panchayat Union,
Krishnagiri, Krishnagiri District.
4. The Special Officer,
Kooliyum Village Panchayat,
Krishnagiri Panchayat Union,
Koolium Post,
Krishnagiri District.

..Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the impugned order dated 16.03.2026 made in Na.Ka.No.3628/2025/A3 passed by the third respondent and quash the same, consequently direct the respondents 3 and 4 to permit the petitioner to do with the fishing activities in the Kooliyum Lake as per the confirmation of rights of the petitioner dated 09.03.2026.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M.R.Jothimanian

For Respondents : Mr.N.Naveen Kumar,
Government Advocate [R1 & R2]
Mr.Vadivelu Deenadayalan
Additional Government Pleader [R3 & R4]

ORDER

The grievance of the petitioner is that even though he has been the successful bidder for the fishing rights in Kooliyum Lake, his bid has now been cancelled by the third respondent under the impugned order dated 16.03.2026 on the ground that the Model Code of Conduct has come into effect due to the assembly elections.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner drew the attention of this Court to the regulations insofar as the Model Code of Conduct is concerned and would submit that there is no legal impediment for the respondents to allow the petitioner to proceed with the contract. However, as seen from the said regulations, this Court *prima facie* finds that a contract will have to be entered into with the petitioner prior to coming into force of the Model Code of Conduct. Admittedly, no contract has been entered into with the petitioner pursuant to the declaration that the petitioner is a successful bidder.



3. Learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents also seeks for time to get instructions as to whether the money deposited by the petitioner has to be refunded or not.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner also seeks for time to get further instructions.

Post this writ petition on 20.04.2026.

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