



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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

W.P. No. 14605 of 2026

A.Shanmugam
S/o.Anjapuli
Revenue Assistant (Bill Collector)
Under Suspension)
Thirunindravur Municipality
Thiruvallur District.

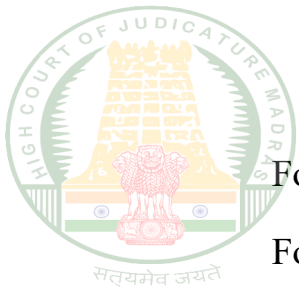
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Commissioner
Thirunindravur municipality
Thiruvallur District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to review the suspension order vide Na.Ka.No.148/2025 /C1 dated 08.03.2025 as per the Government Order vide G.O.Ms.No. 81. Human Resources Management (N) Department dated 04.08.2022 and by Considering the representation dated 20.03.2026.



For Petitioner(s): Mr. P.Ganesan

For Respondent(s): Dr.T.Seenivasan

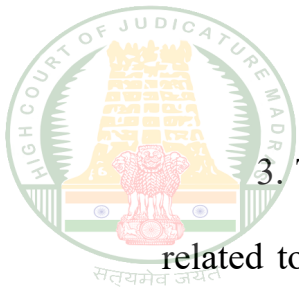
Special Government Pleader

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ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to review the suspension order vide Na.Ka.No.148/2025 /C1 dated 08.03.2025 as per the Government Order vide G.O.Ms.No. 81. Human Resources Management (N) Department dated 04.08.2022 and by Considering the representation dated 20.03.2026.

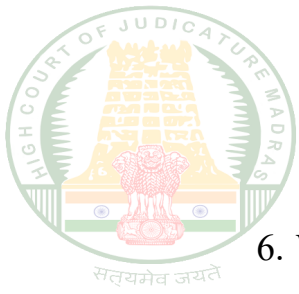
2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who is a physically challenged person, was appointed as a Revenue Assistant (Bill Collector) through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission on 21.02.2025 and posted at Tirunindravur Municipality. While discharging his duties, a complaint was lodged alleging demand of illegal gratification of Rs.5,000/- for property tax assessment. Based on the complaint, the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department registered a case and conducted a trap on 07.03.2025, in which the petitioner was allegedly caught. Consequently, he was placed under suspension on 08.03.2025 under the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.



3. The petitioner contends that the allegation is false and that the amount related to official tax collection. He further submits that no charge memo has been issued, and the investigation has not been completed nor final report filed. Despite making representations seeking reinstatement, the respondent has not revoked the suspension. Relying on Government Orders in G.O.Ms.No.81, Human Resources Management (N) Department, dated 04.08.2022 and G.O. (D).No.450, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 01.08.2023 and the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *Ajay Kumar Choudhary Vs. Union of India (2015) 7 SCC 291*, the petitioner challenges the prolonged suspension as illegal and seeks reinstatement.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submission made by the learned counsel appearing on both sides, this Court directs the respondent to dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 20.03.2026 seeking a review of the suspension order. The respondent shall pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law within two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Thirunindravur Municipality
Thiruvallur District.



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