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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WP No. 17051 of 2026
and
WMP No.18355 of 2026**

UCS Drivida Munnetra Labourers Welfare Sangam
(Reg.No.2285/MDS),
11/34, Pillaiyar Kovil Street,
Chennai-600 019.
Rep. by its General Secretary,
Mr. Rajan Saminathan,
S/o. Rajan

... Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Co-operation Food and Consumer Protection,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Registrar of Co-op societies,
NVN Maligai,
170 E.V.R Road,
Kilpauk,
Chennai-600 010.
3. The Managing Director,
Triplicane Urban Co-operative Societies,
156, Big Street,
Triplicane,
Chennai-600 005.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for
issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 and 2 to consider



and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 16.04.2026 within a limited time frame, regarding withdrawal of the newly introduced software system, which were introduced in the Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Tamil Nadu, and to implement a single, streamlined accounting system ensuring accuracy and compliance with statutory requirements of the "ERP Software".

For Petitioner(s): Mr.J.Muthukumaran
For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Tamilvendan
Government Advocate

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 16.04.2026 within a limited time frame, regarding withdrawal of the newly introduced software system which were introduced in the Consumer Co-operative Wholesale Stores in Tamil Nadu, and to implement a single, streamlined accounting system ensuring accuracy and compliance with statutory requirements of the "ERP Software".

2.The petitioner states that the petitioner Sangam is a registered one, established for the welfare of the employees who are working under the TUCS and there are 614 employees and members in the Sangam. Since 2010, the Co-operative Wholesale Consumer Stores have been utilizing ERP Software

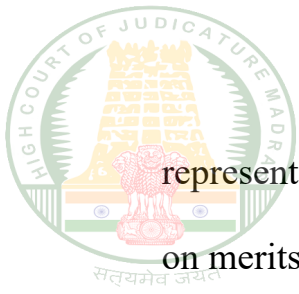


(First Line InfoTech, Chennai) and it has been functioning well and all the accounts are properly being maintained under the said ERP Software.

However, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies had introduced “Muthalvar Marunthagam Software” in the year 2025 and now, the present Registrar has introduced “K.Labs Technology & Solutions (P) Ltd.” from the year 2026 and the employees of the Co-operative Societies are forced to use the newly implemented Software with effect from 01.04.2026. It is the grievance of the petitioner Sangam that the new Software will create many practical problems in calculation and accounting, and no consultation or training has been given to the employees before implementing the new Software. Therefore, the petitioner Sangam, on behalf of the employees, made a representation before the respondents to withdraw the new Software on 16.04.2026. However, the same has not evoked any response. Hence, the writ.

3.Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the new Software may lead to multiple entries and triple work and will increase the chances of error which may lead to penalties. Therefore, the learned counsel would submit that the respondents may be directed to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 16.04.2026, within a specific time frame.

4.Mr.K.Tamilvendan, learned Government Advocate who takes notice for the respondents, would submit that the 2nd respondent will consider the



representation of the petitioner, dated 16.04.2026, and pass appropriate orders on merits within a period of four weeks.

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5. In view of the submissions made by the learned counsel on either side and having regard to the nature of relief sought for in the writ petition, this Court directs the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 16.04.2026, on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity to the representatives of the petitioner Sangam, and pass appropriate orders, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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