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WP No. 16930 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No. 16930 of 2026

and

W.M.P.No. 18236 of 2026

Andimadam Taluka Sugarcane Farmers
Association
Rep.by its President, Mr.K.Venkatesan,
No.14, Keela Theru, R.Vallam, Rangiyam Post,
Andimadam Taluk, Ariyalur District- 608 901.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director of Sugar and Cane Commissioner,
3A, Aavin Illam,
Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai,
Nandanam,
Chennai- 600035.
2. The District Collector
Cuddalore District.
3. The District Collector
Ariyalur District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to consider the representations dated 11.11.2025, 22.12.2025 and 26.12.2025 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law with a reasonable time frame after affording adequate opportunity of hearing to the petitioner Association.

For Petitioner(s):

M/s.S.Ramachandran
S.Chandrasekar



For Respondent(s):

Mr.A.Selvendran,
Special Government Pleader

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ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed for a Mandamus directing the 1st respondent to consider the representations dated 11.11.2025, 22.12.2025 and 26.12.2025 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law within a reasonable time frame after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner association.

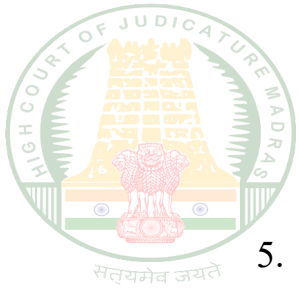
2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner Association has 52 members, who are all farmers cultivating sugarcane in Andimadam Firka. According to the petitioner Association, all farmers in Andimadam Firka were all supplying the harvested sugarcane to Shree Ambika Sugars Limited (Kottur Factory) upto the year 2007. However, vide G.O.Ms.No.400, the Government withdrew Andimadam Firka from Shree Ambika Sugars Limited and allotted to M.R.K. Cooperative Sugar Mills, Sethiathope. The Government found that the distance between Andimadam Firka to M.R.K. Cooperative Sugar Mills was about 30 kms, whereas, the average distance between Andimadam Firka and Shree Ambika Sugars Limited was about 70 Kms and taking into consideration, the convenience of the farmers and the sufficient cane availability in the said Sugar Mill. Due to severe loss, many of the farmers in Andimadam Firka have abandoned sugarcane cultivation and been forced to switch over to other crops



and now they came to understand that Shree Ambika Sugars Limited was taken over by SNJ Distillers Pvt. Ltd in the year 2024. However, the respondents 2 and 3 prevented them from supplying to SNJ Distillers Pvt. Ltd. and seized the vehicles and harvested crops of our farmers, levied exorbitant fines and harassed them and requested appropriate permission to restart supplies to SNJ Distillers Private Ltd. The petitioner association also submitted a reminder to the respondents on 22.12.2025 and 26.12.2025, but till date no action has been taken to safeguard and protect the interest of the petitioner Association. Hence, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition.

3. Heard both sides and perused the materials.

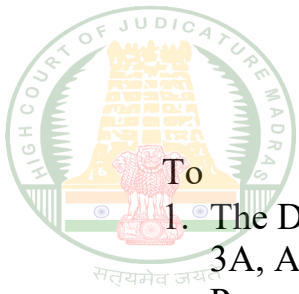
4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the limited prayer sought for, this Court, without expressing anything on merits, directs the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 22.12.2025 and 26.12.2025, after affording opportunity of hearing to necessary parties and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands 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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