



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-08-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

WP No. 25021 of 2026

and WMP.No. 27299 of 2026

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..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Registrar and Regional Transport officer
(M.C.O)
Chennai (North),
Chennai 99
2. M/s. APC Finance India Ltd.,
No.32 New Avadi Road,
Kilpauk Garden,
Kilpauk, Chennai -600010.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of certiorarified mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the order passed in proceedings SE.MU.A.No. 24102/ A1/ 2026 dated 18.05.2026 on the file of the Chennai (North) Registrar and Regional Transport officer, Chennai and quash the same.

For Petitioner: Mr. M.r.Sheik Abdul Rahim

For Respondents: Mr. M.Sivavarthanan, Spl.GP – R1
Mr.T.Ramkumar – R2



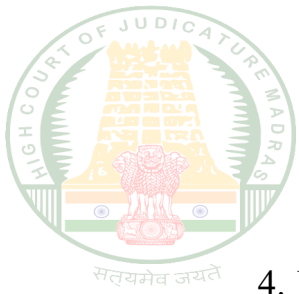
ORDER

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The petitioner challenges the order dated 18.05.2026 passed by the first respondent in proceedings SE.MU.a.No.24102/A1/2026 under Section 51(5) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. By the impugned order, the first respondent directed that the name of the second respondent be entered in the Registration Certificate of the subject vehicle in place of the petitioner's name.

2. The petitioner had availed a loan from the second respondent for purchasing the vehicle under a hire-purchase agreement. Since the petitioner committed default in repayment, the second respondent took possession of the vehicle. Thereafter, the second respondent filed an application under Section 51(5) of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, seeking transfer of the vehicle in his name. After hearing both parties, the first respondent allowed the application and passed the impugned order.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the second respondent has not yet furnished the petitioner with a statement of account showing the exact amount due under the loan. The petitioner also expressed his willingness to settle the loan, if reasonable time is granted.



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4. Recording the submissions, this Writ Petition is disposed of, leaving it open to the petitioner to approach the appropriate forum for redressal of his grievance regarding the taking over of the vehicle and for settlement of the loan account. To enable the petitioner to avail such remedy, the impugned order dated 18.05.2026 shall be kept in abeyance for a period of three weeks from today.

6. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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