



WP NO. 30287 of 2025



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-09-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP NO. 30287 of 2025

AND

WMP NO. 33986 OF 2025,

1.K.R.Krishnamurthy

2.N.Padmanaban

3.S.Srinivasan

4.Santhi Traders

Represented by its Proprietor, Santhi

No.6/23, 7th Main Road

Kaviarasu Kannadasan Nagar

Kodungaiyur, Chennai – 118.

5.G.Dhanalakshmi

6.R.Govindarajan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1.The State Of Tamil Nadu

Rep By Principal Secretary to Government Tamil Nadu Forest
Department, Secretariat, Chennai- 600 009

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and Director Arignar
Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai – 600 048.

3.The Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai
– 600 048.

4.The Deputy Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park,
Vandalur, Chennai – 600 048.

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.R.Gunashekar

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Ravindran, Additional Advocate General

Assisted by Dr.T.Seenivasan Special Govt Pleader



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Heard the counsel for the petitioners and the respondents.

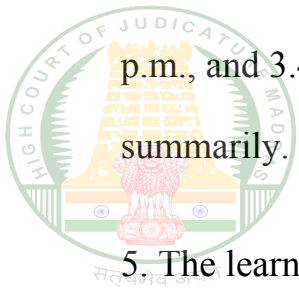
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2. This writ petition challenges the tender called by the Director of Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur, Chennai, for supply of food to the captive animals.

3. The learned Additional Advocate General has produced the originals of the tender before this Court, and this Court perused the records.

4.1 Insofar as petitioners 1,2,3 and 5 are concerned, even I were to agree to the point raised by the writ petitioners that the security deposit was received one day before the last date of the tender, still they are not eligible. This is because the first, second and fifth petitioners have not given their Experience Certificate which is an essential requirement of the tender. Insofar as the third petitioner is concerned, he has submitted the Fixed Deposit Security Instrument dated 08.07.2024, and the last date on the instrument is shown as 30.06.2025. Under Clause IV(i), unless and until the Fixed Deposit Security Instrument is alive, it will not be possible for the Director, Arignar Anna Zoological Park, to adjust the same against the Security Deposit. Therefore, the third petitioner is also not eligible. This leaves out the fourth and sixth petitioners, whose tenders were rejected only on the ground that the Earnest Money Deposit was not submitted in time.

4.2 A perusal of Clause IV(iv) shows that the Earnest Money Deposit should have been deposited by 30.06.2025 at 3.00 p.m., However, the Director of Arignar Anna Zoological Park, had received the EMD from the fourth and sixth petitioner at 3.35



p.m., and 3.45 p.m., on 30.06.2025. He did not choose to reject the invitation to (summararily.

5. The learned Additional Advocate General states that though the tender has been finalized, till date work order has not been issued. This means no third party rights has been created as on today. The stage of the proceedings is still at the stage of acceptance of invitation to offer.

6. The learned Additional Advocate General shall submit if the price bids quoted by the petitioners 4 and 5 is favourable for the Director or whether their bids is more than the present L1.

Post the matter on 17.09.2025 under the same caption.

16-09-2025

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