

WEB COPY

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-01-2026

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH**REV.APLW No. 246 of 2025
in W.P.No.13383 of 2025**

1. The Secretary To the Government
Ministry Of Coal and Mines,
Union Of India, New Delhi.

2.The Chairman Cum Managing Director
MECL (Mineral Exploration Consultancy Ltd),
Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Bhavan,
Seminary Hills, Nagpur City,
Maharashtra , Pin Code-44000006

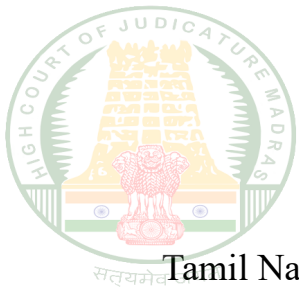
3.The Buyer, Mineral Exploration Consultancy Ltd (MECL)
Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Bhavan,
Seminary Hills, Nagpur City,
Maharashtra. Pin Code 440 006

4.The Project Manager
MECL, Sikkal Project 1/245,
North St, Near Bharath Mahal,
Devipattinam, Ramanathapuram
District, Tamil Nadu

Applicant(s)

Vs

1. S Raja Contract
Proprietor Concern,
Rep By Sole Proprietor Mr.S.Raja
Office At 1/22, Main Road,
Mazhavarayanallur,
Cuddalore District,



Tamil Nadu.

WEB COPY

2.Oriental Associate Service Private Limited
House No. 205, Rachana Matthura Apartment Mankpur Chowk,
Nagbur Maharastra

Respondent(s)

For Appellant(s): Mr.M.Ramamoorthi

For Respondent(s): Mr.P.R.Thiruneelakandan
for R1
Ms.Needhi Jain for
Mr.P.B.Ramanujam Associates
for R2

ORDER

The Review Application has been filed by respondents 1 to 4 in the writ petition mainly on the ground that the 2nd respondent/respondent 5 in the writ petition had an office at Peters Road, Royapettah, Mylapore, Chennai and the license issued by the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Vellore, pointing out to the said address was taken into consideration before awarding the contract in favour of the 2nd respondent herein. When the writ petition was allowed, this Court held that the 5th respondent did not have any office in Tamil Nadu and they only had an office at Maharashtra and hence, the contract awarded in favour of the 5th respondent is in violation of the tender condition.

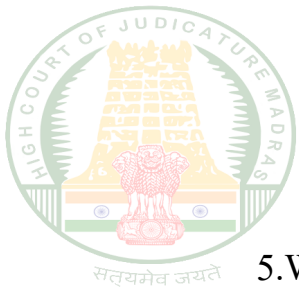
2.The learned counsel for the review applicants submitted that due to oversight, this document was not produced before the Court and if this document



had been produced before the Court, the contract awarded in favour of the 5th respondent would have been found to be in line with the tender condition.

3.The learned counsel for the 1st respondent/writ petitioner submitted that the 1st respondent had applied under the Right to Information Act before the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Vellore and sought for the information regarding the license that was issued in favour of the 5th respondent in the writ petition. A reply dated 07.11.2025 was received by the writ petitioner to the effect that no such license was granted from the office of the Assistant Commissioner. The learned counsel further brought to the notice of this Court, the information received from the Joint Commissioner of Vellore dated 12.11.2025 to the effect that no such license was issued in favour of the 5th respondent in the writ petition.

4.The learned counsel for the 5th respondent in the writ petition relied upon the typed set of papers wherein, the registration certificate dated 01.04.2025 was placed before this Court showing that the 5th respondent has a plot in Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri District and is a registered shop/establishment under the Shops and Establishment Act. This certificate is said to have been issued by the Assistant Inspector of Labour, Hosur.



WEB COPY

5.What is apparent from the above documents placed before this Court is that the review applicants have relied upon the certificate issued by the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Vellore, to the effect that the 5th respondent has an office at Mylapore, Chennai. Whereas, the 5th respondent has produced a certificate issued by the Assistant Inspector of Labour, Hosur as if they have a plot at Krishnagiri District and it is registered under the Tamil Nadu Shops and Establishments Act, 1947. Obviously, this certificate that has been placed before this Court by the 5th respondent was not the one which was relied upon by the review applicants at the time of awarding the contract in favour of the 5th respondent.

6.In view of the above, this Court must only verify as to whether the license that is said to have been given in favour of the 5th respondent by the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Vellore is a genuine document.

7.Mr.G.Velu, learned Additional Government Pleader is directed to take instructions from the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Labour (Enforcement)/Deputy Controller of Legal Metrology, Vellore and ascertain as to whether the licence found at Page 23 of the typed set of papers filed in the review application is a genuine document. A report shall be placed in this regard by the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Vellore.



WEB COPY

8.Post this review application on 12.02.2026 at 2.15 p.m.

23-01-2026

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



WEB COPY

To

1.S Raja Contract
Proprietor Concern,
Rep By Sole Proprietor Mr.S.Raja
Office At 1/22, Main Road,
Mazhavarayanallur,
Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu.

2.Oriental Associate Service Private Limited
House No. 205, Rachana Matthura
Apartment Mankpur Chowk,
Nagbur Maharastra



WEB COPY



7/7

REV.APLW No. 246 of 2025

N.ANAND VENKATESH J.

SSr

REV.APLW No. 246 of 2025

23-01-2026