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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 26.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.SURESH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

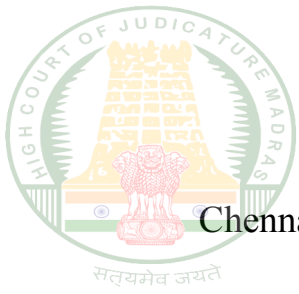
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and
W.M.P.No.40335 of 2025

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Secretariat,
Fort St.George,
Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Commissioner,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
Rippon Building,
Chennai – 600 003.
3. The Zonal Officer,
Greater Chennai Corporation,
No.8, 4th Cross Street, Nungambakkam,



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Chennai – 600 034.

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4. The Inspector of Police,
D-6, Anna Square Police Station,
Triplicane,
Chennai – 600 005.

5. Kaviyarasu

6. Kalavathi

7. Jagadeesh

8. The Commissioner of Police,
Chennai.

... Respondents

(R8 impleaded *suo motu* vide order dated 24.09.2025 in
W.P.No.36085 of 2025 by RSKJ & ADJCJ)

PRAYER : Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the second respondent to consider the representation dated 05.07.2025 requesting to issue a shop for the petitioner and relocate the same in the Marina Beach.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Elankumaran

For Respondents : Mr.C.Selvaraj
Additional Government Pleader for R1
Mr.D.B.R.Prabhu
Standing Counsel for R2 & R3



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Mr.S.Rajkumar

Addl. Public Prosecutor for R4& R8

ORDER

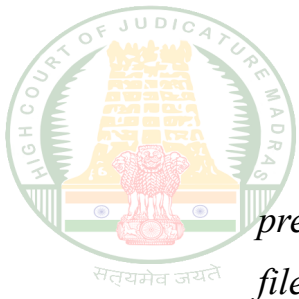
(Order of the Court was made by **R.SURESH KUMAR, J.**)

We passed an elaborate order on 24.09.2025, where we have given the following directions:

“7. Therefore, in order to give a quietus to these kind of issues which are perennial in nature, we deem it appropriate to give the following directions:

(i) The Chennai Corporation represented by its Commissioner shall look into the matter as to how the street vending business at the Chennai Marina Beach is administered by the Chennai Corporation and as of now, what is the system being adopted in this regard and whether the Corporation of Chennai is having any scheme to streamline the street vending business in the Marina Beach be intimated before this Court.

(ii) The State Government represented by the Principal Secretary to the Government, Environment, Climate Change & Forest Department, Secretariat, shall have a consultative meeting with the officials of the Department along with the Commissioner of Corporation and the Police Department to prepare a preliminary report as to how this perennial problem of street vending at Marina Beach could be sorted out and such a preliminary report to be



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prepared by the first respondent as indicated above shall also be filed before this Court.

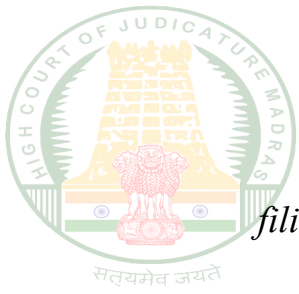
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(iii)The Commissioner of Chennai Corporation is hereby directed to have a consultative meeting with the officials of the Police Department who are looking after the law and order, crime as well as the traffic in the concerned area/police stations touching upon the Marina Beach and file a status report as to how best law and order can be strictly maintained during not only the day time, but also in the evening and Wee hours in the Marina Beach as well as in the Beach road i.e., Kadarkarai Kamarajar Salai.

(iv)These three authorities, namely, the first, second and third respondents and the Commissioner of Police, Chennai, shall file such a preliminary reports after having the consultative meetings in the respective Departments for the best maintenance, administration and regulation of the Marina Beach, especially, in the context of the street vending therein. Those reports be filed before this Court during the next hearing date.

(v)The Commissioner of Police, Chennai City, is suo motu impleaded as one of the party respondent in this writ petition. Mr.M.Babu Muthu Meeran, learned Additional Public Prosecutor takes notice for the impleaded respondent, i.e., Commissioner of Police, Chennai City, to whom also a copy of this order be served. In view of the importance of the subject matter in this writ petition, this Bench requests the learned Advocate General to appear on behalf of the State during the next date of hearing.

(vi)Registry is directed to carry out the necessary amendment in the cause title and post the matter on 15.10.2025 at 2.15 P.M. for



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filing preliminary reports as directed above.”

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2. Despite these directions given on 24.09.2025 and it was directed to be listed on 15.10.2025 at 2.15 pm for the compliance of the said directions since the case could not be listed on the said date and it is listed only today, when we taken up the case for further hearing, Mr.D.B.R.Prabhu, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents Corporation would submit that, the reports are not fully made ready and therefore, it could not be filed today.

3. We had given only fifteen days time to complete the report and file it, but the case is taken up only after two months, despite that the report has not been made ready in spite of our specific directions given to each of the authorities like Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation, Commissioner of Police as well as the Secretary to Government of the Department concerned.

4. This cavalier attitude on the part of these officials would clearly demonstrate that very scant respect is being given to the Court orders. If that



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being the position, this Court would not be a mute spectator to just see that the

orders passed by this Court are kept in cold storage without even having any

semblance of compliance. When that being the position, we are constrained to

pass the following orders:

that the Principal Secretary to Government, Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department, Secretariat, Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009, the Commissioner of Greater Chennai Corporation, Rippon Building, Chennai – 600 003 and the Zonal Officer, Greater Chennai Corporation, No.8, 4th Cross Street, Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600 034 who are the respondents in this writ petition shall appear before this Court during the next date of hearing, i.e., on 10.12.2025 to give explanation as to why further action need not be taken against them for not complying the orders dated 24.09.2025 passed by this Court.

5. Post the matter on 10.12.2025.

(R.S.K., J.) (A.D.J.C., J.)
26.11.2025

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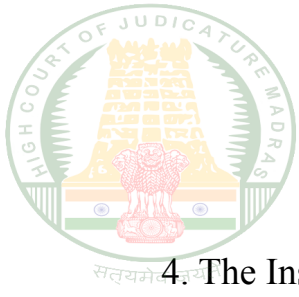
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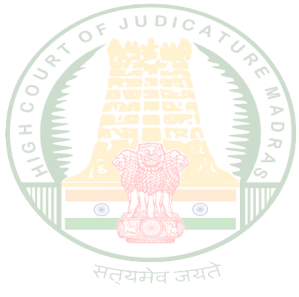
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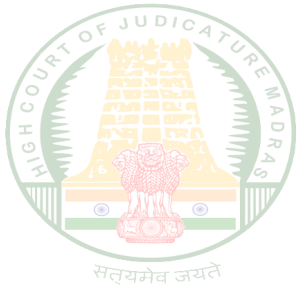
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