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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED: 17.06.2026

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA
AND
THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAMIM AHMED

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1. P.Raja
- 2 R.Latha
3. R.Perumal Raja
4. R.Ganesh @ Rajarajan
5. R.Kalpana
6. R.Sekar

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The Director of Municipal Administration,
Commissionerate of Municipal Administration,
No.75, Urban Administrative Building,
Santhome, High Road, MRC Nagar,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai – 600 028.
2. The District Collector,
Cuddalore District,
First Floor, New Collectorate Buildingm
Manjakuppam, Cuddalore – 607 001.
3. The Commissioner,
Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation,
Bharathi Road, Sorakalpattu,
Cuddalore – 607 001.



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4. The Zonal Assistant Engineer,
Zone – I, Cuddalore City Municipal Corporation,
Cuddalore – 607 001.

... Respondents

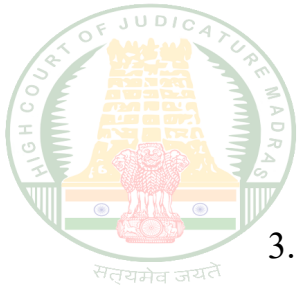
For Petitioners : Mr.T.Balaji
For Respondents : Mr.P.Srinivas
Standing Counsel for R3 & R4

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA, J.)

This matter has been listed today under the caption 'for reporting compliance' pursuant to the order dated 04.02.2026.

2. Mr.Balaji, learned counsel for the petitioner, submitted that this Court, vide order dated 04.02.2026, finding that Lawrence Road is a busy locality with permanent commercial shops and that allowing hawking activities on the platform or on the road margin would hinder both the pedestrians and the vehicular movement, had directed the authorities concerned to remove all the hawkers located on Lawrence Road within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of that order and to report back to this Court. However, no action has been taken so far. Even today, the hawkers happily continue to occupy the road, causing a hindrance to the general public.



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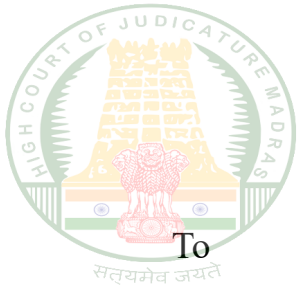
3. Per contra, the learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the Cuddalore Municipal Corporation, submitted that the order of this Court dated 04.02.2026 was duly complied with by the authorities on 05.03.2026 and all hawkers were removed. However, the hawkers subsequently returned and reoccupied the area. He further submitted that due to the Model Code of Conduct, strict measures could not be taken to remove them. He also submitted that the Corporation has identified alternative vending zones and is taking effective steps to notify them in the nearby area to accommodate all the hawkers. He further submitted that once these vending zones are declared, the hawkers will be directed to shift to those designated areas.

4. The submissions made by the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the Cuddalore Municipal Corporation are taken on record. The exercise of allotting the specific vending places to the hawkers shall be completed by the Cuddalore Municipal Corporation within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that the Registry need not list this matter again.

(A.D.J.C., J) (S.S.A., J)

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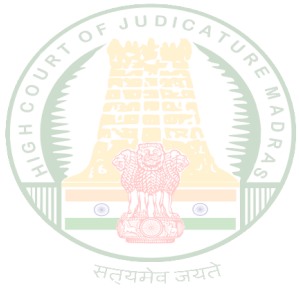


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