



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

WP No. 50762 of 2025

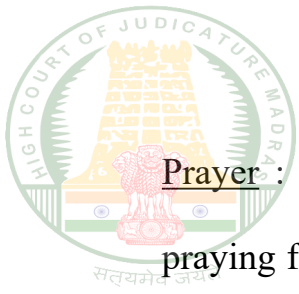
P. Mathiyalagan,
S/o Pitchai,
Muthuservamadam Village, Udayarpalayam Taluk,
Ariyalur District.

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector/Arbitrator,
National Highways, Ariyalur, Ariyalur District.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Udayarpalayam Taluk, Ariyalur District.
3. Competent Authority And Special District
Revenue Officer (Land Acquisition),
National Highways Unit I-45C,
Jayankondam, Ariyalur District.
4. The Special Tahsildar,
National Highways Unit II - 45C,
Jayankondam, Ariyalur District.
5. The Project Director,
Project Implementation Unit,
National Highways Authority,
Thanjavur 613 004.

..Respondents



Prayer : Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the impugned order passed by the 1st respondent in Arbitration Case No. 15 (Ariyalur) Me.Mu. No. E1/ 8016-15/2017 on 11.09.2025 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to pay interest of 12% of the compensation of Rs.19,29,978/- from 3A1 notification i.e., 09.05.2013 till the date of the award i.e., 05.12.2023.

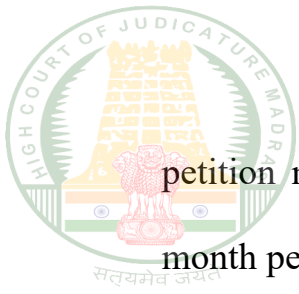
For Petitioner: Mr. V. Sujan

For Respondents: Mr.P.Sathish, AGP for R1 to R4

Mr.Su.Srinivasan for R5

ORDER

An arbitral award dated 11.09.2025 under the National Highways Act, 1956 is challenged in this writ petition. The provisions of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 have been made applicable to proceedings under the National Highways Act, 1956. Consequently, the petitioner has an alternative remedy by way of a petition under Section 34 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 before the jurisdictional District Judge. The period of limitation in respect thereof is three months from the date of receipt of the award. Subject to an application for condonation of delay being allowed, such



petition may be filed within thirty days from the date of expiry of the three month period.

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2. In the case at hand, the petitioner states that the award was received in end September or early October. If that is indeed the case, the petitioner would be in a position to present the petition under Section 34 before the jurisdictional District Judge.

3. With the above observations, the writ petition is disposed of by leaving it open to the petitioner to present a petition under Section 34 before the jurisdictional District Judge. Since the writ petition has been filed *bona fide* and prosecuted with due diligence, the period of pendency of the writ petition shall be excluded for purposes of computing limitation. There will be no order as to costs.

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