



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 26-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

WP No. 44955 of 2025

1. S.Thippireddy

S/o.Senrayareddy, Registered

Contraction, Senreddiyur Kuttapatty,
Mettur Taluk, Salem District 636453.

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director Of Town Panchayat

Directorate Of Town Panchayat, 7 And 8th
Floor, Urban Administrative Office Campus,
Mrc Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai
600028.

2.The Assistant Director Of Town Panchayat

Office Of The Assistant Director Of Town
Panchayat, Collectorate Campus, Salem
District 636001.

3.The Executive Officer

Poolampatty Town Panchayat, Poolampatty,
Salem District.



Respondent(s)

PRAYER

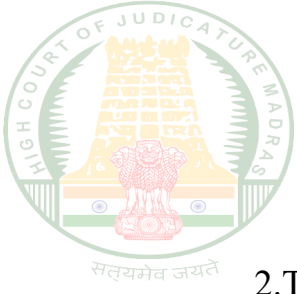
To issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the impugned notice dated 18.01.2024 in Na.Ka.No.7657 of 2023 issued by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the 2nd respondent to release the outstanding payment of Rs.30,00,000/- for the works completed by the petitioner namely construction of four OHT Tanks of 30,000 Ltr capacity each at Kovilapalayam, Vanniya Nagar, Koodakkal Vadakkatthi Kadu and Kattur in Poolampatty Town Panchayat Salem District and pass.

For Petitioner(s): P.Hasnah

For Respondent(s): Dr.T.Seenivasan Spl.Gp
For Rr1 To 3.

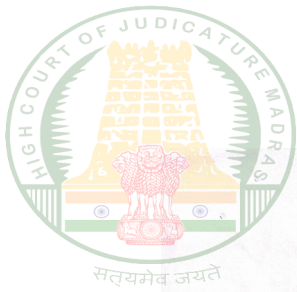
ORDER

The petitioner has come forward with this writ petition seeking release of the outstanding payment for the work executed by him within the limits of Poolampatti Town Panchayat.



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2.Taking note of the fact that the last of the payments was made on 27.11.2023, and since there has been no dispute regarding the amounts, I called upon Dr.T.Seenivasan, Special Government Pleader, to file an affidavit as to when the amounts will be disbursed. In response thereof, the Executive Officer of Poolampatti Town Panchayat has filed an affidavit sworn on 26.11.2025. The same is scanned and extracted hereunder:-



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(Special Original Jurisdiction)

W.P. No.44955 of 2025

S.Thippireddy, M/A 70 years
S/o. Senrayareddy
Registered Contractor
Senreddiyur Kuttapatty
Mettur Taluk
Salem District – 636 453

...Petitioner

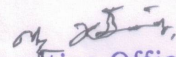
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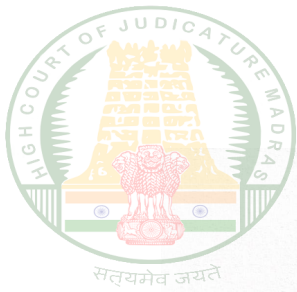
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Raja Annamalaipuram
Chennai – 600 028
- 2) The Assistant Director of Town Panchayat
Office of the Assistant Director of Town Panchayat
Collectorate Campus
Salem District – 636001
- 3) The Executive Officer
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Poolampatty
Salem District

...Respondents

COUNTER AFFIDAVIT FILED BY THE 3rd RESPONDENT

I, D. Ashok Kumar, son of K.P.Dhandapani, Indian, aged 48 years, presently discharging my duties as Executive Officer (i/c), Poolampatty Town Panchayats, having office at Poolampatty, Salem District, do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

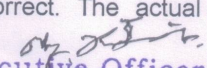

**Executive Officer
Poolampatti Town Panchayat
Salem District.**



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- 1) I am the 3rd respondent herein and I am well acquainted with the facts of the case from the available records. I am filing this counter affidavit on my behalf and on behalf of the other respondents.
- 2) I submit that the petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to quash the notice dated 18.01.2024 in Na.Ka.No.7657/2023 issued by the 2nd respondent and for a consequential direction to release an alleged balance amount of Rs.30,00,000/- towards construction of four Overhead Tanks of 30,000-litre capacity at Kovilpalayam, Vanniya Nagar, Koodakkal Vadakkathi Kadu and Kattur in Poolampatty Town Panchayat.
- 3) I submit that I was given additional charge of the 3rd respondent Town Panchayat with effect from 01.08.2025. On verification of the records, it is seen that the petitioner has completed works valued at Rs.43,00,000/- only. As on 02.07.2024, he had already received Rs.18,00,000/- in four instalments, leaving a balance of Rs.25,00,000/-.
- 4) I submit that a further payment of Rs.5,00,000/- was made to the petitioner on 24.11.2025 from the General Fund. Thus, the total amount received by the petitioner comes to Rs.23,00,000/-. The balance amount of Rs.20,00,000/- will be settled on or before 31.03.2026 either on receipt of Government assistance or through tax collections.
- 5) I submit that the project for construction of the four Overhead Tanks was sanctioned under the Basic Infrastructure Development Fund for the year 2020–21 for an estimated cost of Rs.60,00,000/-. Work Orders were issued on 31.12.2020. The petitioner, however, completed works to the extent of Rs.43,00,000/-, which he has admitted.
- 6) I submit that the petitioner's claim that he received only Rs.13,00,000/- and is entitled to Rs.30,00,000/- is factually incorrect. The actual


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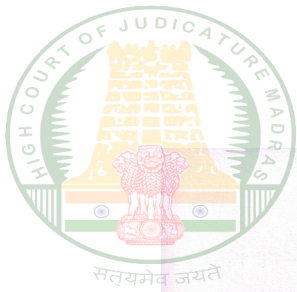
amount received by him is Rs.23,00,000/-, namely Rs.18,00,000/- up to 02.07.2024 and Rs.5,00,000/- on 24.11.2025. Therefore, the correct balance payable is Rs.20,00,000/-, which will be settled as stated supra.

- 7) I submit that the construction of all the four Overhead Tanks is not in dispute. The petitioner himself acknowledges that the total value of the completed work is Rs.43,00,000/-.
- 8) I submit that W.P.No.26519 of 2023 was disposed of on 11.09.2023 with a direction to consider the petitioner's representation dated 21.07.2023. The 2nd respondent passed proceedings on 18.01.2024 informing the petitioner that the value of completed work was Rs.43,00,000/- and that Rs.4,00,000/- had been paid on 27.01.2023. The petitioner was also informed that the balance payment would be made from the General Fund if Government funds were not available.
- 9) I submit that the petitioner has, till 24.11.2025, received Rs.23,00,000/- as detailed below:

S.N	Date	Amount	Online payment Unique Code	Payee A/c & Bank	Payee's Name
1	27.01.23	4,00,000	449113	511401010076148 Union Bank of India	S.Thippireddy
2	29.02.24	5,00,000	449113	511401010076148 Union Bank of India	S.Thippireddy
3	03.05.24	4,00,000	449113	511401010076148 Union Bank of India	S.Thippireddy
4	02.07.24	5,00,000	449113	511401010076148 Union Bank of India	S.Thippireddy
5	24.11.25	5,00,000	449113	511401010076148 Union Bank of India	S.Thippireddy
Total		23,00,000			

- 10) I submit that the remaining amount will be settled immediately upon receipt of Government funds. If there is delay, the same will be paid in

[Signature]
Executive Officer
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Salem District.

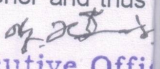


instalments from savings under Devolution Fund and from accumulated tax collections, but in any case on or before 31.03.2026.

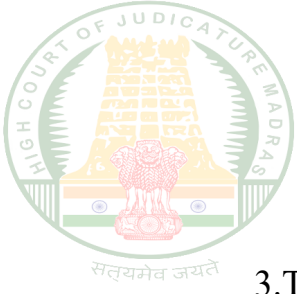
- 11) As regards the grounds (a) and (b) raised by the petitioner, I submit that the proceedings dated 18.01.2024 were issued strictly in compliance with the direction of this Hon'ble Court in W.P.No.26519 of 2023, after due verification of the Town Panchayat records. Hence, the allegation of lack of jurisdiction is unsustainable.
- 12) As regards the grounds (c) to (i), I submit that the Work Orders were issued anticipating release of funds under the Basic Infrastructure Development Fund 2020-21. However, due to shortage of funds and limited allocation to local bodies, the expected grant was not received. Despite this, the Town Panchayat, with its meagre revenue capacity, has managed to pay Rs.23,00,000/- and is taking earnest steps to secure Government assistance for clearing the balance and the proposal vide Na.ka.No 2050/2023/Pe1 dated 16.10.2025 has been sent to the Directorate of Town Panchayat and sanction is presently awaited.
- 13) I submit that the delay in settling the entire amount is neither wilful nor wanton. Being a Lowest Grade-II Town Panchayat with very limited revenue and no specific scheme-based allocation for the work completed, the Town Panchayat is making sincere efforts to address the petitioner's claim.

It is therefore humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased consider the financial constraints of 3rd Respondent Town Panchayat and grant time till 31st March, 2026, to settle the dues to the petitioner and thus render justice.

Solemnly affirmed at Chennai
on this 26th day of November, 2025
and signed his/her name


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Salem District

Advocate



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3.The undertaking given in paragraph No.4 is recorded, and the Writ
Petition stands disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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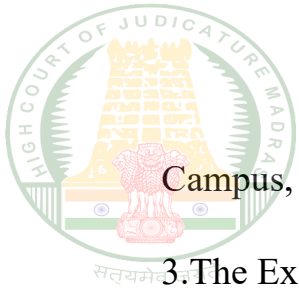
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Neutral Citation:Yes/No

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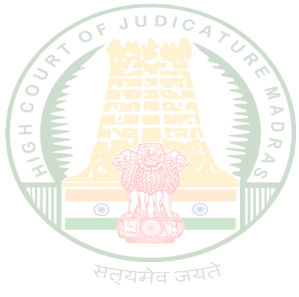


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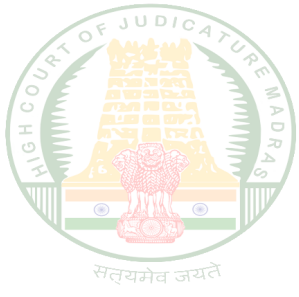
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