

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 07.09.2026

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL**

WP (MD) No.3377 of 2026

S.P Vadivelu S/o.Subbaiya,
Seeni Nagar, Kallal Village,
Karaikudi Taluk,
Sivagangai District

... Petitioner

- Vs. -

1. The State of Tamil Nadu Rep By its Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Fort St.George, Chennai
2. The Commissioner, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Fort St.George, Chennai
3. The District Collector/inspector of Panchayats, Sivagangai District
4. The Assistant Director of Panchayats,, Sivagangai, Sivagangai District
5. The Block Development Officer,, Kallal Panchayat Union, Sivagangai District

... Respondents

Prayer:Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus call for the entire records pertaining to the_impugned Government Order in



G.O.Ms.No.344 dated 05.12.2025, in so far as the Serial No.7 is concerned with regard to Kallal Village Panchayat, Sivagangai District and quash the same as illegal and consequently directing the respondents either to upgrade the petitioners Village Panchayat namely Kallal Village Panchayat, Sivagangai district as Town Panchayat or allow the same to be functioning as one Village Panchayat pending disposal of the writ petition.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.M.Arumugam

For Respondents : Mr.S.I.Muthiah for R1 to R5

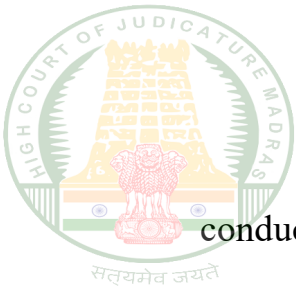
Addl. Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by C.V.KARTHIKEYAN, J)

The writ petition has been filed in the nature of Certiorarified Mandamus seeking records relating to G.O.Ms.No.344 dated 05.12.2025 so far as S.No.7 is concerned relating to Kallal Village Panchayat, Sivagangai District, which had been subdivided into two separate panchayats one as Kallal North comprising of three villages and one as Kallal South comprising of one village.

2. The grievance expressed by the petitioner and also by the learned counsel for the petitioner is that there public hearing had not been



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conducted prior to taking such a decision. It had been alternatively suggested that taking into consideration the number of residential houses and the total number of population and the requirements of the people, the village panchayat could be upgraded as Town Panchayat as adjoining Panchayat in Kalayarkol had been upgraded as Town Panchayat.

3. The third respondent/District Collector had filed a counter affidavit stating that bifurcation would enable the financial resources to be granted to meet 100% basic needs of the people. Let the decision be revisited to determine whether Kallal Panchayat could be upgraded as Town Panchayat. Prior to taking any such decision, it would only be appropriate that public hearing is granted and opinion of all concerned are also taken into consideration. Let this exercise be done within a period of three months and thereafter further report be filed. List this matter after three months, after that particular exercise conducted.

(C.V.K.,J.) (R.S.V,J.)
07.09.2026

NCC : **Yes/No**
Index : **Yes/No**
RR



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