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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.03.2026

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

W.P(MD)No.5801 of 2026
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.4826 of 2026

A.Velani

... Petitioner

vs.

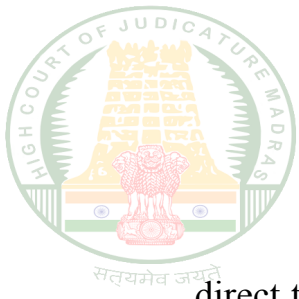
1.The Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration Water Supply Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 9.

2.The Executive Officer,
Thondi Town Panchayat,
Ramanathapuram District.

3.Vel Groups,
Represented by M.Sakthivel,
S/o.Muthandi,
No.5/3547, Tharavai Thoppu,
Akkal Madam, Pamban,
Ramanathapuram District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call the records relating to proceedings of the 1st Respondent made in Government Letter (pa) No. 120/Paru- 2(2)/2026-1, dated 20.02.2026 and quash the same and consequently



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direct the Respondents No. 1 and 2 to award the Tender Work in favour of the Petitioner.

For Petitioner :Mr.R.Murali
For Respondents :Mr.M.Ajmal Khan
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.P.Subbaraj
Special Government Pleader for R1
and Mr.M.Sarangan,
Additional Government Pleader for R2

ORDER

The petitioner had challenged the acceptance of technical bid of the third respondent on various grounds, primarily, on the ground that he is not eligible to participate in the tender process.

2.The learned Counsel for the petitioner submitted that despite raising several grounds, the appellate authority has not considered any of the ground and instead, has dismissed the appeal citing that the third respondent is the lowest bidder. Therefore, on the face of it, the impugned passed by the appellate authority is in violation of principles of natural justice, arbitrary and discriminatory.



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3.Mr. P. Subbaraj, learned Special Government Pleader accepts notice for the first respondent and Mr. M. Sarangan, Additional Government Pleader accepts notice for the second respondent and pray for time to get instructions.

4.Issue notice to the third respondent returnable by 09.03.2026. Private notice is also permitted.

5.The third respondent is permitted to carry out the work following the work order at his own risk and the respondents 1 and 2 shall not release the amount to the third respondent without further orders of this Court.

6.Post the matter on 09.03.2026.

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