



W.P.(MD)No.5974 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 12.03.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

W.P.(MD)No.5974 of 2026
and
W.M.P.(MD)Nos.5001 and 5002 of 2026

1.N.Amose

2.Nagarajan

... Petitioners

vs.

1.The Directorate of Town Panchayats,
7th and 8th Floor,
Urban Administrative Office Campus,
Chennai.

2.The District Collector,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

3.The Assistant Director,
Department of Town Panchayat,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

4.The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Department of Town Panchayat,
Nagercoil Zone,
Kanyakumari District.



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5.The Junior Engineer,
Kothanallor First Grade town Panchayat,
Kothanallor,
Kanyakumari District.

6.The Executive Officer,
Kothanallor First Grade Town Panchayat,
Kothanallor,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to the impugned Re-Tender Notification issued by the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.1220/2025/A1 dated 19.02.2026 for the year 2025-2026 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and contrary to the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1998 and the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Rules, 2000, and consequently direct the 6th respondent to issue the work orders to the petitioners pursuant to the earlier Tender Notification in Na.Ka.No.1220/2025/A1 dated 12.01.2026, within a time frame as may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioners :Mr.R.Jagadeeshwaran

For Respondents :Mr.P.B.Ahamed Yasin Parvin,
Govt. Advocate for R1 to R5.
Mr.C.Satheesh,
Govt. Advocate for R6.



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ORDER

It is the case of the petitioners that, pursuant to the tender notification dated 12.01.2026, they submitted their bids. The technical bids were accepted on 31.01.2026, and the financial bids were opened on 25.02.2026, which is evident from the tender summary report annexed in the typed set of papers. The further case of the petitioners is that, without cancelling the earlier tender process, the respondents have issued a fresh tender notification dated 12.01.2026, which was published on 19.02.2026, for the very same work.

2.The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents has not placed any material on record to show that the financial bids submitted by the petitioners were rejected or that the earlier tender notification dated 12.01.2026 was withdrawn. In such circumstances, the issuance of a fresh tender notification without cancelling the earlier tender notification is impermissible and legally unsustainable.



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3. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is allowed and the impugned tender notification dated 12.01.2026, published on 19.02.2026, issued by the sixth respondent, is hereby quashed. The respondents are directed to pass appropriate orders on the financial bids submitted by the petitioners pursuant to the tender notification dated 12.01.2026, or pass appropriate orders to proceed with the tender process or cancel the tender strictly in accordance with law. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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