

W.P(MD)No.12683 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 27.04.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N.SATHISH KUMAR
and
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.JOTHIRAMAN

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and

WMP(MD)Nos.9546, 9548 and 9549 of 2026

R.Murugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Additional Chief Secretary,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The District Collector,
Tenkasi District,
Tenkasi.

3. R.Kuthalingaraja

...Respondents

PRAYER :- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the 1st respondent made in G.O. (2D) No.21, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.4) Department, dated 27.01.2026 pertaining to the charges 5 and 6 and set aside the same as arbitrary and non application of mind and consequently direct the officials respondents to recover the looted amount of Rs.3,00,00,000/- from the 3rd respondent based on the representations of the petitioner dated 04.07.2025, 30.06.2025 and 29.12.2025 and deposit the same in the Avudayanoor Panchayat Account.



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For Petitioner
For R1 & R2

: Mr.Ananth C.Rajesh
: Mr.J.Ashok
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by **N.SATHISH KUMAR, J.**)

The petitioner who claims himself to be a public interest litigant, seeks the following relief:

"To issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the 1st respondent made in G.O. (2D) No.21, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PR.4) Department, dated 27.01.2026 pertaining to the charges 5 and 6 and set aside the same as arbitrary and non application of mind and consequently direct the officials respondents to recover the looted amount of Rs.3,00,00,000/- from the 3rd respondent based on the representations of the petitioner dated 04.07.2025, 30.06.2025 and 29.12.2025 and deposit the same in the Avudayanoor Panchayat Account."

2. It is the grievance of the petitioner that the 3rd respondent who was the elected President of the Panchayat, has looted a sum of Rs.3 Crores from the panchayat fund. Later, he was removed by the Inspector of Panchayats. However, on a revision filed against the order passed by the Inspector of Panchayats, the revisional authority / Government has discharged the 3rd



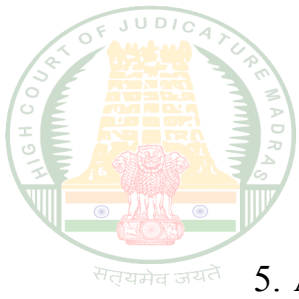
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respondent from charges 3 to 6 framed by the Inspector of Panchayats.

According to the petitioner, the revisional authority has not properly analysed the facts and without any reason, discharged the 3rd respondent from the grave charges. Hence, the petitioner seeks the abovesaid relief in public interest.

3. We have perused the entire affidavit. We are of the view that the averments in the affidavit are omnibus in nature and no specific details or instances have been stated. In fact, the petitioner has assumed himself that there was huge amount of misappropriation to the tune of Rs.3 Crores. In fact, the District Collector who is the Inspector of Panchayats, has framed seven charges for various irregularities in the panchayat and none of the charges indicate that there was huge misappropriation as claimed in this writ petition. The charges with regard to some irregularities lead to few lakhs towards the alleged loss. The revisional authority / Government taking note of the fact that charges 3, 4, 5 and 7 were not established, not pressed those charges, however found that charges 1, 2 and 7 were proved against the 3rd respondent and accordingly confirmed the order of removal.

4. Such being the position, merely on presumption and assumption, the petitioner cannot canvass the Public Interest Litigation without any material to show that there was huge misappropriation of panchayat fund to the tune of Rs. 3 Crores. Hence, we do not find any merits in this writ petition.



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5. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[N.S.K., J.] & [M.J.R., J.]
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