

W.P.(MD) No.19819 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
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DATED : 25.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE DR.JUSTICE A.D.MARIA CLETE

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... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Joint Chief Controller of Explosives,
South Circle, Chennai,
Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO),
A and D Wing, Block 1-8, 2nd Floor,
Shastri Bhawan, No.26, Haddows Road,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 006.

2.The Commissioner of Police,
Trichy City Police Office,
Pudukkottai Main Road,
Subramaniapuram,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 020.

3.The Joint Chief Environmental Engineer,
Tamilnadu Pollution Control Board,
No.25, Developed Plots,
Thuvakudy,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 015.



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4.The Regional Director,
Central Pollution Control Board,
Regional Directorate (Chennai),
2nd Floor, BSNL Building,
40-E, Guindy Industrial Estate,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.

5.The Divisional Engineer,
(Construction and Maintenance),
Highways Department,
25/28, Shankar Illam,
Pudukottai Main Road,
Subramaniyapuram,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 020.

6.The Regional Manager,
Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited.,
Trichy Retail Regional Office,
No.90, 2nd Floor,
MDSR Enclave,
Bharathidasan Road,
Cantonment,
Tiruchirappalli – 620 001.

7.M/s. Kunjithapatham and Co.,
Dealer - Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.,
Survey No.22, Old Survey No.158-22,
Piratiur, Tiruchirappalli Taluk,
Tiruchirappalli - 620 009.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus to direct the 1st to 5th respondents to take immediate actions in accordance with law, including closure, to stop the commissioning and operation of a New Petroleum Retail Outlet by the 6th and 7th



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respondents on Edamalaipatti Main Road at Survey No.130/21, Edamalaipatti Pudur, Tiruchirappalli District – 620 012 in gross violations of the mandatory Siting Criteria prescribed by the Central Pollution Control Board, State Highways Department and several binding judicial decisions/directions of this Court and Hon'ble Apex Court in similar cases in the recent past in the Tiruchirappalli area itself.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.B.Radhakrishnan

For Respondents : Mr.K.Govindarajan
Deputy Solicitor General of India for R1
Mr.T.Senthil Kumar
Additional Public Prosecutor for R2
Ms.Madhuri Donti Reddy for R3
Mr.P.Thilak Kumar
Government Pleader for R5
Mr.R.J.Karthick for R6

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.]

Learned counsel appearing for the sixth respondent would submit that the present writ petition is also relating to the same petroleum retail outlet against which earlier a writ petition in W.P.(MD) No.29567 of 2023 was filed and the same has been dismissed by this Court by an order dated 25.10.2024.

2. However, learned counsel for the petitioner disputes the said contention by stating that there is a difference in the survey number and the



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location. That apart, learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the very
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same person is running more than one retail petroleum outlet in the same locality
and therefore, the serious irregularities raised in this public interest litigation are to
be considered independently.

3. In view of the above, the sixth respondent is directed to verify the
location and file a report before this Court on the next date of hearing.

4. Post the matter on 05.08.2025.

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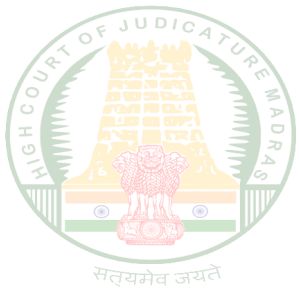
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Sub-Assistant Registrar (C.S.-I/ II /III/ IV)
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai - 625 023.

TO

1 .THE JOINT CHIEF CONTROLLER OF
EXPLOSIVES,SOUTH CIRCLE, CHENNAI, PETROLEUM
AND EXPLOSIVES SAFETY
ORGANISATION (PESO),
SHASTRI BHAWAN,NO.26, HADDOWS ROAD,
NUNGAMBAKKAM, CHENNAI-6

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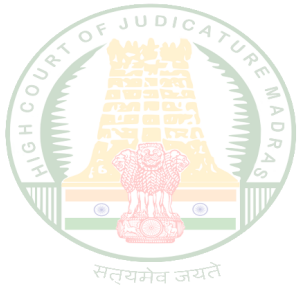
2 THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE,
TRICHY CITY
POLICE OFFICE, PUDUKKOTTAI MAIN ROAD,
SUBRAMANIAPURAM, TIRUCHIRAPPALLI - 620 020.

3 THE JOINT CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER,
TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD,
NO.25,
DEVELOPED PLOTS, THUVAKUDY,
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI
- 620015

4 THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR,
CENTRAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, REGIONAL
DIRECTORATE (CHENNAI)
2 ND FLOOR, BSNL
BUILDING,
40-E, GUINDY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
GUINDY, CHENNAI 600

5 THE DIVISIONAL ENGINEER,
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE)
HIGHWAYS
DEPARTMENT, 25/28, SHANKAR ILLAM, PUDUKOTTAI
MAIN ROAD,
SUBRAMANIYAPURAM,
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI - 620 020

6 THE REGIONAL MANAGER,
HINDUSTAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED.,
TRICHY RETAIL REGIONAL OFFICE, NO.90, 2 ND
FLOOR, MDSR ENCLAVE, BHARATHIDASAN ROAD,
CANTONMENT, TRICHY-1



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