

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 13.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P.(MD)Nos.29035, 29217 & 30354 of 2024
and W.M.P.(MD)Nos.24596 & 24599 of 2024 & 286 of 2025

1.W.P(MD)No.29035 of 2024:

R.Kathiravan

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Divisional Engineer,
Highways Department,
Construction and Maintenance,
Near Thamarai Thotti,
K.Pudur, Madurai - 625 002.

2.The Assistant Divisional Engineer,
Highways Department,
Construction and Maintenance,
Sub-Division - Madurai South,
Near District Court,
Madurai - 625 002.

3.The Assistant Engineer,
Highways Department,
Construction and Maintenance,
Sub-Division Madurai South,
Near District Court,
Madurai - 625 002.

4.The Tahsildar,
Thiruparankundram Taluk,
Madurai.



5.The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Thidir Nagar Circle,
S.S.Colony,
Madurai - 625 016.

6.The Inspector of Police,
C-3, Subramaniyapuram Police Station,
Madurai - 625 003.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the impugned order in Ku.No.818/2024/E.Va.A dated 29.11.2024 passed by the second respondent and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the respondents to grant permission to erect the Anaithu India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kalagam (AIADMK) Party's flagpole at Ward No.74, Bus-Stop, Opposite to Jeyam Theatre, Bye-pass Road, Palanganatham, Madurai City.

2.W.P(MD)No.29217 of 2024:
K.R.Chithan

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Commissioner,
Madurai Corporation,
Arignar Anna Maligai,
Madurai.

2.The District Revenue Officer,
Collectorate Campus,
Madurai.

3.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Madurai North Division,
Madurai District.

4.The Tahsildar,
Madurai North Taluk Office,
Madurai District.



5.The Assistant Commissioner,
Madurai Corporation,
Madurai North Division No.II,
Race Course Road, Madurai.

6.The Assistant Commissioner of Police,
Sellur Circle,
Madurai District.

7.The Inspector of Police,
D3 Koodal Nagar Police Station,
Madurai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 5 to grant permission to erect the Anaithu India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kalagam (AIADMK) Party's flagpole at opposite to MGR Mandram at Kamatchi Nagar, Vilankudi, Ward No.20, Madurai City within a stipulated time fixed by this Court.

3.W.P(MD)No.30354 of 2024:

V.Chandran

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The District Collector,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2.The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Periayur Taluk,
Madurai District.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Saptur Police Station,
Madurai District.

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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus to direct the respondents for reinstalling the Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) party flagpole and the name board at Athipatti Village, Peraiyur Taluk, Madurai District by considering the petitioner's representation dated 25.11.2024 within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner in
W.P.(MD).Nos.29035
and 29217 of 2024 : Mr.P.Balamurugan
For petitioner in
W.P.(MD)No.30354
of 2024 : Mr.A.Ramkumar
For respondents in
all petitions : Mr.A.Gopinath
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)

COMMON ORDER

Today, the matters are posted before this Court under the caption 'For reporting compliance'.

2. The learned Government Advocate (Crl. Side) submitted that the order passed by this Court was confirmed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court and the same was also upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in S.L.P.(C) No.20885 of 2025 by an order dated 08.08.2025. Today the connected matter has been listed before the Hon'ble Full Bench of this Court referred by another Hon'ble Division Bench differing the view taken by the Hon'ble Division Bench, thereby confirming the order passed by this Court.

3. This Court raised specific question that though the Hon'ble Full Bench of



this Court ordered status quo to be maintained for the removal of flagpoles erected by the political party in the public places, all the political parties are erecting their flagpoles in the center median and adjacent to the national highways, State highways, panchayats roads etc., during their party meetings, leaders' birthday and death anniversary celebration, private functions, private meetings etc. On one hand, the government authorities are not taking any action as against the political parties, who are erecting temporary flagpoles and on the other hand, due to untoward incidents of falling of the temporary flagpoles on the commuters, the affected parties approach this Court for compensation and the government pays compensation to them. The compensation is paid from the tax payers' money rather than taking actions as against the political parties, who erect such the temporary flagpoles.

4. In this regard, the respondents are directed to file status report and are also directed to comply with the order passed by this Court. Post the matter on 03.09.2025 at 2.15 p.m., under the caption “for reporting compliance”.

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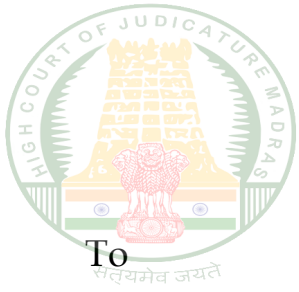
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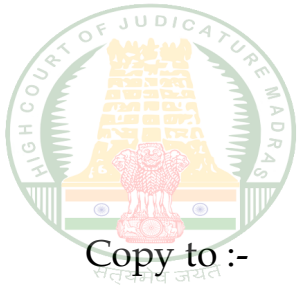
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17.The Public Prosecutor,
High Court, Madras.



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6. The District Collector, Cuddalore District.
7. The District Collector, Dharmapuri District.
8. The District Collector, Dindigul District.
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13. The District Collector, Karur District.
14. The District Collector, Krishnagiri District.
15. The District Collector, Madurai District.
16. The District Collector, Mayiladuthurai District.
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19. The District Collector, Neelagiri District.

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24. The District Collector, Salem District.

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32. The District Collector, Thirupathur District.

33. The District Collector, Tiruppur District.

34. The District Collector, Thiruvallur District.

35. The District Collector, Tiruvannamalai District.

36. The District Collector, Thiruvarur District.

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