

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 16.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WMP.(MD)Nos.27200 & 25945 of 2025

in

WP.(MD)Nos.17515 & 18818 of 2025

WMP.(MD)No.27200 of 2025

1.The Commissioner,
Tribunal for Disciplinary Proceedings,
Old Collectorate Building (1st Floor),
Trichy-1.

2.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Welfare & Panchayat Raj Department,
Chennai 600 009.

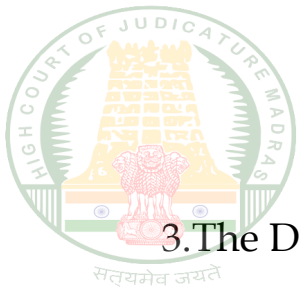
3.The District Collector,
Karur District, Karur.

... Petitioners

Vs

1.M.Rathinam

2.The Vigilance Commissionr,
Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretariat,
Chennai.



3.The Directorate of Prosecution, Chennai.

4.The Secretary,
Human Resources Management Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Chennai.

... Respondents

(R2 to R4 are *suo motu* impleaded vide Court order dated 15.12.2025 in WP.(MD)Nos.35029, 35450 of 2025 and WMP.(MD)No.27200 of 2025 in WP.(MD)No.17515 of 2025 and WMP.(MD)No.25945 of 2025 in WP.(MD)No.18818 of 2025)

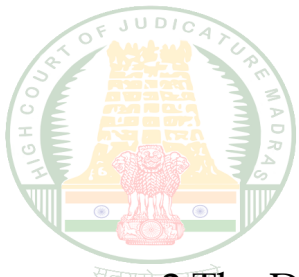
For Petitioners: Mr.Ajmal Khan,
Additional Advocate General,
Assisted by,
Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar,
Special Government Pleader.

For R1: Mr.G.R.Sathish

Writ Miscellaneous Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to extend the time for further 12 months from 27.10.2025 to comply the order passed by this Court in WP.(MD)No.17515 of 2025 dated 27.06.2025.

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



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2.The Director,
Rural Development and
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Panagal Building, Saidapet,
Chennai-600 015.

3.The District Collector,
Office of the District Collector,
Pudukottai District.

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COMMON ORDER

The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the petitioners seeks short accommodation to furnish the details to the queries raised by this Court.

2.This Court raised certain queries considering the period taken by these Disciplinary Proceedings Authorities in concluding the proceedings. It is reported that disciplinary proceedings particularly pertaining to vigilance and anticorruption cases, which have been referred before the Tribunals, have been delayed for 10 years. The



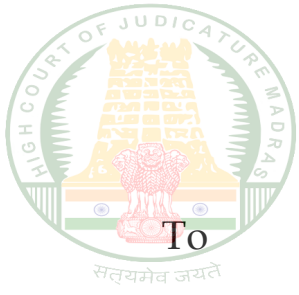
Government is also incurring huge expenditure for paying subsistence allowance.

3. In these circumstances, the Government has also taken a policy decision to amend the Rule, ie., Rule 56(1)(c) of the Fundamental Rules. Therefore, the corrupt officials, who have been retained in service, have to be allowed to retire and they can be prosecuted only under the Pension Rules. By this amendment, the corrupt officials will be getting some benefits. In such cases, recovery can also be made. The persons, who have been wrongly imposed with corruption charges, would be allowed to retire peacefully. Therefore, this Court expects a report from the officials in this regard.

4. Post the matter on 23.02.2026, for orders.

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