

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13.09.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKEVALU

W.P.No.2463 of 2021

M.Karpagam

.. Petitioner

Vs

- 1 Commissionerate for the Welfare of Differently Abled
No.5 Kamarajar Salai
Lady wellington College Campus
Chennai 600005
- 2 The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By the Chief Secretary to Govt.
Fort St. George, Chennai-9
- 3 District Differently Abled Welfare Officer
Forest Office Building
D.M.S Compound, Chennai 600006.
- 4 District Differently Abled Welfare Officer
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At Chengakpattu 603 001.
- 5 District Differently Abled Welfare Office
Collectorate Complex
Thiruvallur.

- 6 District Differently Abled Welfare Office
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Perumalsamy Building(Ground Floor)
Officer's Line (Opp to Muslim School
Vellore.
- 7 District Differently Abled Welfare Office
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Ground Floor, Collector Nagar
Thiruvannamalai 606 604.
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37 Ramodass Road
Pudupalayam, Cuddalore 607 001.
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Dharmapuri.
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Near M.L.A, Office, Pudukottai
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- 24 District Differently Abled Welfare Office
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- 27 District Differently Abled Welfare Office
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- 28 District Differently Abled Welfare Office
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Kokkirakulam, Palauamcottai,
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Chennai-600 001.
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52 The District Collector
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53 The District Collector
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Tamil Nadu 637001

54 The District Collector
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Nagapattinam-611001

55 The District Collector
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Tamil Nadu 641018

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Tamil Nadu 629001

58 The District Collector
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Dindigul, Tamil Nadu 624004

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60 The District Collector
Master Plan Complex, Nagapattinam Road,
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61 The District Collector
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64 The District Collector
Master Plan Complex NH 205
Chennai-Tiruttani Highway
Thiruvallur
Tamil Nadu 602001.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to make all the government offices of all department in the State of Tamil Nadu accessible to person with disability will facilities including water, toilets and other basic facilities.

For the Petitioner : Mr.R.Prabhakran

For the Respondents : Mr.P.Muthukumar
State Government Pleader

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

The petition pertains to making all public buildings across the State accessible to persons with disabilities.

2. Pursuant to the previous order of July 5, 2021, an access audit report has been produced. Such report indicates how special access measures have been provided at various public buildings across the State of Tamil Nadu. An affidavit has also been filed on behalf of the Commissionerate for Persons with Disabilities and the Director for Welfare of the Differently Aabled. It appears that several public buildings in the State have complied with the guidelines pertaining to

access to persons with disabilities, including toilets being installed for such purpose.

3. Mr.P.Muthukumar, learned Government Pleader appearing for the State, says that guidelines and instructions have been issued now to ensure that within the next year all public buildings across the State, except heritage buildings, get appropriate equipment and construction installed that makes such buildings accessible to persons with disabilities.

4. The State's status report indicates that the cut-off date would be in accordance with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the relevant date would be June 15, 2022.

5. In view of such submission, nothing further needs to be done on this petition except to record that the measures adopted by the State for making all public buildings accessible by persons with disabilities should be put in place within a year from date, failing which the office-bearers in the appropriate department of the State may be proceeded against.

6. W.P.No.2463 of 2021 is disposed of without any order as to costs. W.M.P.Nos.2776 and 2777 of 2021 are closed.

(S.B., C.J.) (P.D.A., J.)
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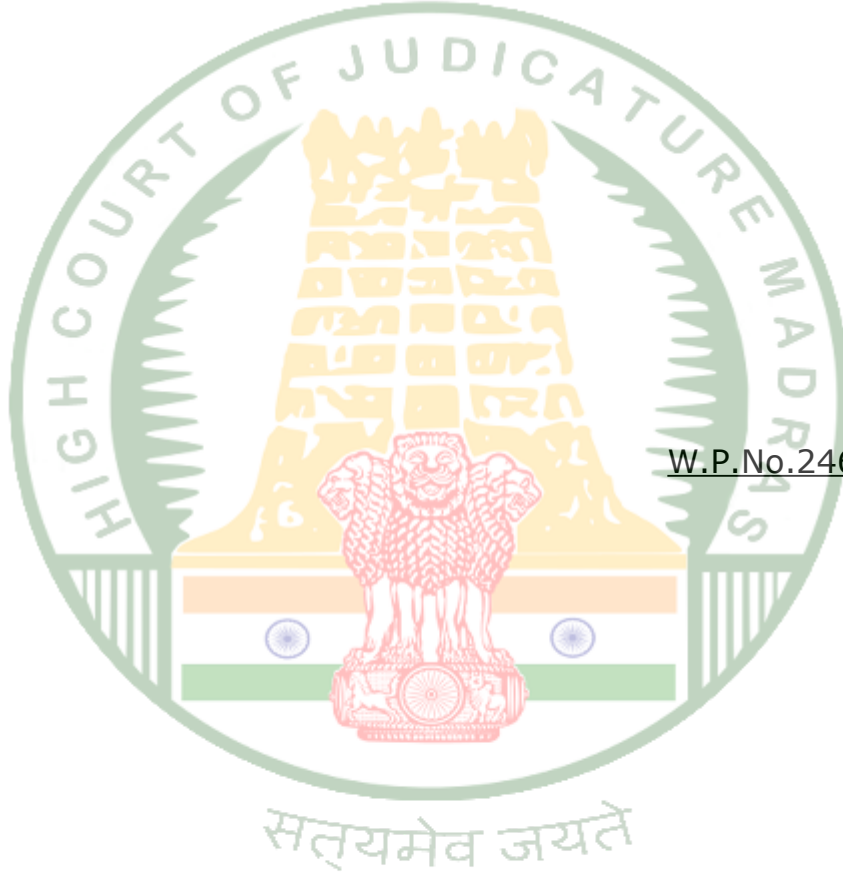
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