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WP CrI. No. 1000 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03-10-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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and

WPMP CrI. No. 475 of 2025

P.H.Dinesh

S/o. P. Haribabu,

No. 8, 6th Street, Babu Nagar,

Villivakkam, Chennai-49.

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Home Secretary

Government of Tamilnadu,

Secretariat, Chennai- 600 009.

2.The Director General of Police (HOPF)

Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,

Mylapore, Chennai- 600 004.

3.The Inspector of Police

Karur Town Police Station

Karur. (Crime No. 855 of 2025)

*(3rd respondent suo motu impleaded as per
the order of this Court dated 03.10.2025)*

Respondent(s)



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PRAYER
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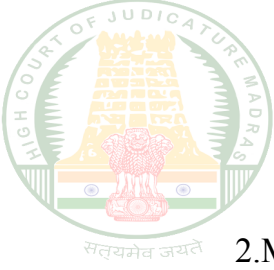
Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 30.09.2025 submitted by the petitioner and consequently framed guidelines in the nature of SOP for the conducting of road show immediately and thus render justice.

For Petitioner: Mr.G.Sankaran
Senior counsel
for Mr. S.Bharathi Rajan

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Ravindran (for R1)
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.S.Santhosh
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)
Mr.Hasan Mohammed Jinnah
State Public Prosecutor (for R2)
assisted by Mr.A.Damodaran
Additional Public Prosecutor

ORDER

The present petition has been filed by one Mr.P.H.Dinesh with a prayer to consider his representation dated 30.09.2025 for framing of SOP for conducting the road shows.



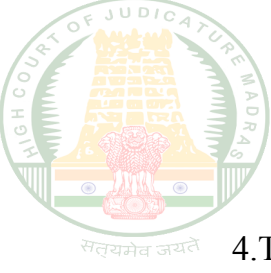
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2.Mr. G. Sankaran, learned senior counsel appearing for Mr. S. Bharathi Rajan, learned counsel for the petitioner, submitted that the petitioner had made the present representation following a roadshow that was permitted by the respondent at the venue, namely, Karur. He stated that a major man-made disaster occurred at the said event, resulting in the loss of 41 lives. The learned senior counsel further referred to the following time schedule:

<i>S.No.</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>
1	Mr.Vijay started from Chennai	08.50 hours
2	Flight landed at Trichy	09.24 hours
3	Entered to Namakkal	11.55 hours
4	Reached at campaign place	14.35 hours
5	Speech time	14.35 to 14.55 hours
6	Left from Namakkal	14.58 hours
7	Exit from Namakkal entered into Karur	16.30 hours

3.Mr.J.Ravindran, learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the 1st respondent, assisted by Mr.S.Santhosh, learned Government Advocate (Criminal Side), submitted that Writ Petitions filed before the Madurai Bench of this Court seeking a CBCID investigation and compensation were declined by the Hon'ble Division Bench of the Madurai Bench.



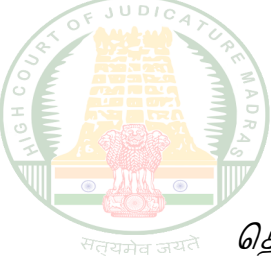
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4.The learned Additional Advocate General further submitted that the political party, viz., Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam , initially submitted a letter dated 09.09.2025, informing that meetings were scheduled to be held on 13.12.2025 at Salem, Namakkal, and Karur. Subsequently, another letter dated 15.09.2025 was submitted, specifying the time of the meetings as 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m on 13.12.2025. Thereafter, by letter dated 23.09.2025, a request was made to the Superintendent of Police, Karur, fixing the meeting date as 27.09.2025 between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. at Karur Light House Roundtana. Subsequently, another letter dated 25.09.2025 proposed the venue as either Karur Light House Roundtana or Uzhavar Santhai Thidal. Again, on 26.09.2025, a revised letter was sent to the Superintendent of Police, Karur, proposing a change in venue to Karur Velusampuram.

5.Based on the above communications, the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Karur, by proceedings dated 26.09.2025, granted permission to the political party to conduct the programme, subject to eleven conditions , which are extracted below:

- “1. நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தும் இடத்தில் உள்ள சென்டர் மீடியன் பகுதிகளில் பிளக்ஸ் பேனர்கள் வைத்தல் கூடாது. மேலும் தொண்டர்கள் சென்டர் மீடியன் மீது ஏறி நிற்கக்கூடாது. இவற்றை முறையாக கூட்டம் நடத்தும் ஏற்பாட்டாளர்கள் கவனித்து கொள்ளவேண்டும்.
2. நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெறும் போது தங்களது



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தொண்டர்கள் பயன்படுத்தி போக்குவரத்து நெரிசல் ஏற்படாத வண்ணம் கூட்டத்தை நடத்த காவல்துறைக்கு ஒத்துழைப்பு தரவேண்டும்.

3. வாகனங்கள் நிறுத்தும் இடங்களை முன் கூட்டியே அறிந்து நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு அழைத்து வரும் தொண்டர்களின் வாகனங்களை நிறுத்தும் இடங்களுக்கு முன்கூட்டியே சென்று முறையாக வாகனங்களை நிறுத்தும் இடத்தில் வரிசையாக நிறுத்துவதற்கு நிகழ்ச்சி ஏற்பாட்டாளர்கள் தங்களது நிர்வாகிகள் மூலம் ஏற்பாடு செய்து கொள்ள வேண்டும்.

4. நிகழ்ச்சி நடைபெறும் இடத்திற்கு மின்சாரவாரியத்தில் முறையாக அனுமதி பெற்றிருக்க வேண்டும்.

5. நிகழ்ச்சி நடந்து கொண்டிருக்கும் போது ஏதேனும் அவசர ஊர்தி வரும் பட்சத்தில் தொண்டர்கள் மேற்படி வாகனத்திற்கு வழி விட வேண்டும்.

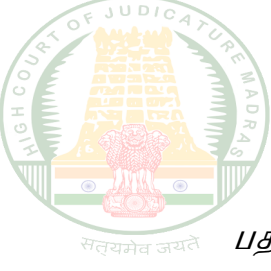
6. நிகழ்ச்சி நடத்தும் இடத்திற்கு அருகில் வணிக வளாகங்கள் மற்றும் IT நிறுவனங்கள் மற்றும் பொது மக்கள் அதிக அளவில் வந்து செல்லும் பகுதி என்பதாலும் மேலும் அதிகப்படியான தொண்டர்கள் கலந்து கொள்வதால் முதல் உதவி சிகிச்சை செய்வதற்கு முன்னேற்பாடுகள் செய்து வைத்திருக்க வேண்டும்.

7. பொதுக்கூட்டம் நடத்துவதற்கு முறையாக தீயணைப்பு துறையினர் சம்மந்தப்பட்ட துறையினரிடம் முன்கூட்டியே அனுமதி பெற்று இருக்க வேண்டும்.

8. கூட்டத்திற்கு வைக்கப்படும் பிளக்ஸ் பேனர்கள் தொடர்பாக மாநகராட்சியிடம் உரிய அனுமதி பெற்று இருக்க வேண்டும்.

9. பொதுமக்கள் சந்திப்பு நிகழ்ச்சிக்கு மட்டுமே அனுமதிக்கப்படுகிறது. மேலும் திருக்காம்புலியூர் ரவுண்டானாவானது தேசிய நெடுஞ்சாலையில் பிற மாவட்டங்களின் முக்கிய இணைப்பு சாலை என்பதால் எக்காரணம் கொண்டும் பொதுமக்கள் பாதிக்கும் வகையில் ரோடு சோ நடத்த அனுமதி இல்லை.

10. பொதுக்கூட்டம் முடிந்த பின்பு கொடிகள்



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பதாகைகளை உடனடியாக அகற்ற வேண்டும்.

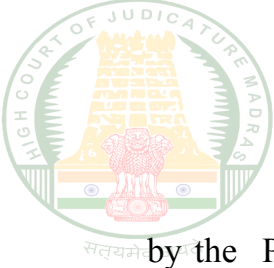
11. பொதுக்கூட்டத்திற்கு அனுமதி இல்லாமல் LED திரை மற்றும் மேடை அமைக்க கூடாது.”

6.According to the learned Additional Advocate General and Mr.Hasan Mohammed Jinnah, learned State Public Prosecutor appearing for the 2nd respondent, only condition Nos.7 and 11 were complied with by the said political party, while the remaining conditions were blatantly violated .

7.The learned Additional Advocate General referred to the typed set of papers at Page No.11 , which contains a document retrieved from the official website of the political party, indicating that the venue was Karur, Velusampuram , and that the programme would commence at 12:00 noon .

8.At this juncture, the learned State Public Prosecutor submitted that the General Secretary of the political party had given a press interview confirming that the programme would commence at 12:00 noon . Consequently, the learned Additional Advocate General and the State Public Prosecutor, in one voice, submitted that a large crowd gathered at the venue from the morning, anticipating the arrival of the party leader at 12:00 noon .

9.They also drew the Court's attention to the Government Order issued



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by the Public (Law and Order-F) Department in G.O. (Ms). No. 605 dated 28.09.2025, wherein a Commission of Inquiry, headed by a retired Judge of this Court has been constituted in this regard.

10. When specifically questioned by this Court, the learned State Public Prosecutor submitted that a case has been registered in Crime No. 855 of 2025 on 27.09.2025, for the offences under Sections 105, 110, 125(b), 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and Section 3 of the Tamil Nadu Public Property (Prevention of Damage and Loss) Act, 1992. Pursuant to the FIR, A1/District Secretary was arrested on 29.09.2025, and one Pavunraj was remanded on 30.09.2025 .

11. *De hors* the submissions of the learned Additional Advocate General and the learned State Public Prosecutor, the entire nation has witnessed the tragic sequence of events and their aftermath on 27.09.2025 , which resulted in loss of 41 lives. Shockingly, the programme organisers, including the leader of the political party, absconded from the venue, abandoning their own cadres, followers, and fans. There is neither remorse, nor responsibility, nor even an expression of regret.

12. It was further brought to the notice of this Court that the videograph



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presented by the learned senior counsel for the petitioner, which has also been widely circulated in both print and visual media, clearly shows that the bus carrying Mr.Vijay, the leader of the political party was involved in an accident. In the footage, it is visibly evident that two motorcycles were involved in the accident, and that the driver of the bus, having seen the accident, fled from the scene.

13. Similarly, another accident on the rear end of the bus is also seen in a videograph which is witnessed by the person seated on the front left side of the bus. In both instances, no First Information Report (FIR) has been registered by the respondent police for the offences of hit and run.

14. This Court expresses its deep anguish and concern over the failure of the authorities to take action. Even in the absence of a formal complaint from the aggrieved parties, it is the duty of the State to register a suo motu FIR and ensure that the accused face trial in accordance with law.

15. It is to be noted that the Hon'ble President of India, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Union Home Minister has condoled the incident. The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu visited the hospital on early hours. The leader of the opposition, Tamil Nadu and almost all the political parties have expressed



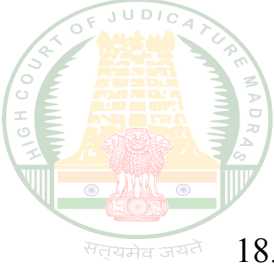
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their concerns and many leaders of the political parties came to the scene of occurrence and participated in the rescue process. When that being the situation, it is really sad that Mr.Vijay, the leader and the members of his political party which organised the meeting fled the scene of occurrence.

16.This Court strongly condemns the conduct of Mr.Vijay, the organisers of the event and the members of the political party for fleeing from the scene of occurrence immediately after mishaps. While this Court is aware that the political party has not been arrayed as a respondent, it is important to point out that it is incumbent upon such a party to have taken immediate steps to rescue and assist individuals caught in the stampede like situation arising from the massive crowd in which many children, women, and several young person tragically lost their lives.

17.Regrettably, there has been no statement, no expression of responsibility from the political party viz., Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam regarding the occurrence, either in their official twitter account or in other social media regretting the stampede that has taken place. There is no communication in any form or in any manner regretting the incident. This omission reflects the political party's disregard for human life and public accountability.



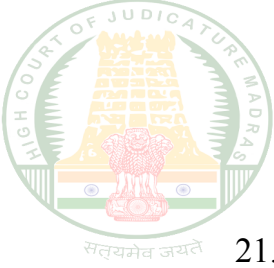
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18.Futhermore, this Court is of the considered opinion that the Inspector of Police, Karur Town Police Station, Karur, (Crime No. 855 of 2025) is a necessary party to this proceedings. Accordingly, this Court, suo motu, impleads the Inspector of Police, Karur Town Police Station, Karur, (Crime No. 855 of 2025) as a party respondent in this Writ Petition.

19.The State has already given undertaking in W.P.(MD).Nos.27532 of 2025 & batch cases, that no permission for conduct of public meetings on the State Highways/National Highways would be granted till such time SOP with regard to conduct of meetings in public places is framed by the State Government and approved by this Court. The same is hereby recorded. Though the prayer in the present writ petition is limited, the scope of the writ petition has been widened due to the extraordinary circumstances, which warrant extraordinary measures. This Court cannot close its eyes, remain a mute spectator, and shrink from its constitutional responsibilities.

20.Though no specific prayer was made for constitution of Commission, the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in HCP.No.1599 of 2025 by order dated 02.09.2025 was inclined to appoint an one man commission to conduct an independent inquiry as the constitutional court has wider jurisdiction to invoke inherent powers to do complete justice.



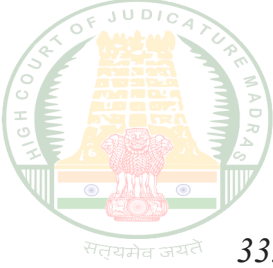
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21. With regard to constitution of Special Investigation Team, the Hon'ble Division Bench of Madurai bench in W.P.(MD).No.22623 of 2025 by order dated 25.08.2025 has observed as follows:

This Court is of the considered view that trafficking in human organ would infringe the fundamental right of a citizen. Any violation would not only offends Article 21 of the Constitution of India but would result in serious health issues of the donor or recipient. It has got larger repercussions and wider implications in the matter of maintenance of public health. Public health is within the State List under the Constitution and the State is bound to show sensitivity in dealing with such nature of issues involving illegal human organ trading and the wider allegations raised in the public domain. When the State appointed team itself has made certain serious allegations against the private hospitals and medical college hospitals etc, the State is not expected to remain as mute spectator. The State is even hesitating to register an F.I.R and arguing before the Court that there is a statutory bar in registering an F.I.R. Such a stand is unacceptable.

32. This Court is of the considered view that investigation is essential and to be undertaken by the State to cull out the truth behind the allegations. The State is not going to be prejudiced in the event of conducting an investigation into the serious allegations of human organ transplantation racketing. But the effective and efficient investigation would protect the lives of the poor and economically disadvantaged people, who are all exploited by these private medical college hospitals, private hospitals, etc., with the collusion of the brokers, officials and others.



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33. When this Court expressed its view that instead of handing over the investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), requested the learned Additional Advocate General and the learned State Public Prosecutor to submit the names of police officials with proven integrity. They were initially reluctant and thereafter the learned Additional Advocate General produced three names, one Superintendent of Police, one Deputy Superintendent of Police and one Inspector of Police. In the opinion of this Court, the response of the State is disappointing. Thus, this Court has requested the Additional Registrar General, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court to secure names of some police officials with proven integrity, who in turn has undertaken the efforts and swiftly consulted the authorities and furnished the names. Accordingly, this Court appoints the following police officials as Special Investigation Team to conduct an investigation into the large scale and wider allegations of the human organ transplantation racket, including illegal kidney transplantations:

22. In view of the above, this Court deems it appropriate to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct an impartial and thorough investigation.

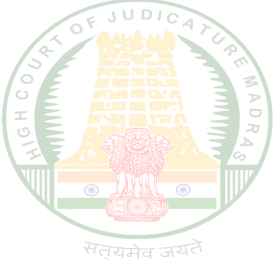
The SIT shall be headed by:

Mr. Asra Garg, Inspector General of Police (North Zone).

The SIT shall include the following officers:

Ms. Vimala, I.P.S., Superintendent of Police, Namakkal

Ms. Shyamaladevi, Superintendent of Police, CSCID



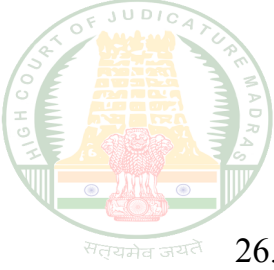
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23. In addition, Mr. Asra Garg, IGP (North Zone) is at liberty to select additional team members under any category/designation as he deems fit. The State Government is directed to extend full cooperation and provide all necessary facilities for the effective functioning of the SIT.

24. The newly impleaded respondent (Inspector of Police, Karur Town Police Station, Karur, Crime No. 855 of 2025) is directed to immediately transfer all records, documents, and materials relating to the present case to the SIT for further investigation.

25. Though the learned Additional Advocate General and the learned State Public Prosecutor submitted that an FIR has already been registered and that an investigation is underway, this Court is not satisfied with the progress or independence of the said investigation. Accordingly, the said submission is declined, and the Special Investigation Team shall stand constituted with effect from today. All the available CCTV footages in the place of the incident, more particularly, the CCTV footages inside and outside the bus carrying the leader of the political party shall be seized. The said bus which is involved in the hit and run shall also be seized.



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26. With the above directions and observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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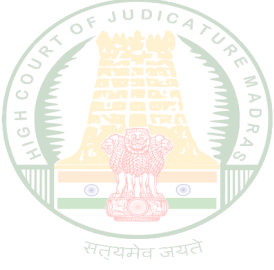
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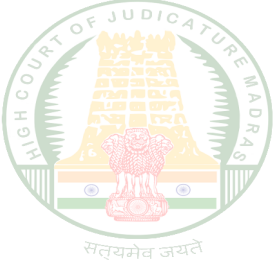
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