

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
INHERENT AND PLENARY JURISDICTION  
CONTEMPT PETITION(CIVIL)DIARY NO.36812 OF 2024  
IN  
WRIT PETITION(CIVIL)NO.1040 OF 2019**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**ANUJ NAKADE**

**... PETITIONER**

**VERSUS**

**DR. POONAM MALAKONDAIAH, GOVT.  
OF ANDHRA PRADESH AND ORS.**

**...RESPONDENTS**

**STATUS REPORT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE RESPONDENT NO.28**

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**ADVOCATE FOR RESPONDENT:      G.INDIRA**

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I, C.Samayamoorthy, IAS., S/o. Shri M.Chinnamanickam, aged about 54 years holding the post of Secretary to Government having Office at Secretariat, Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009, Tamil Nadu do hereby solemnly affirm and state that I am conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case from the records.

1. I am the Secretary to Government, Human Resources Management Department, Government of the State of Tamil Nadu and as such I am well acquainted with the facts of the case from the records. Thus, am competent to swear this Status Report as directed by this Hon'ble Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No.1040 of 2019.
2. I respectfully submit that I have the greatest respect for the orders of this Hon'ble Court and all other Courts. I have not disobeyed the order of this Hon'ble Court intentionally or knowing at any point at time. If this Hon'ble Court arrives to any conclusion that I have committed any act of contempt, I tender my most sincere and unconditional apology to the Hon'ble Court.

It is submitted that this Hon'ble Court vide Order dated 23.09.2024 was pleased to issue to all States and

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Union Territories. In compliance with the directions issued by this Hon'ble Court, the answering Respondent is filing a status update on the steps taken to implement the Orders passed by this Hon'ble Court in the present case.

4. It is humbly submitted that as a first step, the Government introduced online filing of Second Appeals before the Tamil Nadu Information Commission under Section 19(3) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 (Central Act 22 of 2005) to be filed in the website namely [www.sic@nic.in](http://www.sic@nic.in) with effect from 13.08.2018. Since then, the website is functioning well and the public are filing their second appeals before the Commission through online.
5. It is humbly submitted that after implementation of online filing of Second Appeals before the Tamil Nadu Information Commission and with the experience gained thereon, necessary steps have been taken to introduce the facility of online filing of petitions under sub-section (1) of section 6 and First Appeals under sub-section (1) of section 19 of the said Right to Information Act, 2005. The Government has registered a domain name viz [www.rtionline.tn.gov.in](http://www.rtionline.tn.gov.in) with the Directorate of e-Governance for the same and it was decided to obtain the software being used by the National Capital Territory of Delhi and to modify the same to suit the needs of this State.
6. It is humbly submitted that the software being used by the National Capital Territory of Delhi was obtained through the National Informatics Centre and the same was modified to suit the needs of the State. Further, steps were also taken to obtain a payment gateway from the State Bank of India so as to enable the public to make payment online, while they file RTI online Petitions and the State Bank of India has also been requested to enable the UPI payment mode for utilization of the Citizens to remit fee / charges to obtain copy of documents through the [rtionline.tn.gov.in](http://rtionline.tn.gov.in) portal.

It is humbly submitted that the RTI online web-portal was implemented in Human Resources Management Department, Secretariat, Chennai from 25.06.2021. Further,



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the said facility was implemented in all the Departments of Secretariat, since 08.08.2022. The said facility was implemented in the Heads of Departments of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department and the District Level Offices of the Directorate of Survey and Settlement, since 14.02.2023. Subsequently, it was extended to most of the District Collector Offices.

8. It is humbly submitted that necessary action is being taken to extend this facility in the remaining offices of the Revenue and Disaster Management Department and then it will be extended to the level of Head of the Departments and down below, up to the tail end throughout the State of Tamil Nadu, in a phased manner.
9. It is humbly submitted that all the Departments of Secretariat are requested to contact the Anna Administrative Staff College, arrange for giving training to the officials of their Heads of Departments and their District Offices and also to arrange for implementing the facility of online filing of Right to Information Act, 2005 petitions and first appeals in those Heads of Departments and District Offices the down below up to the tail end throughout the State of Tamil Nadu.
10. In pursuance of the Orders of this Hon'ble Court of India in the present case, the Government of Tamil Nadu have accorded administrative sanction for implementation of Hybrid Mode of hearing and e-filing of appeals in the Tamil Nadu Information Commission. Accordingly, Tamil Nadu Information Commission has commenced the virtual mode of hearing from 10.06.2024 on daily basis by connecting with the National Informatics Centre Studios located in the District Collectorate.
11. It is humbly submitted that in respect of e-filing of Appeals and Petitions in the Tamil Nadu Information Commission, upgrading the existing software development, which is nearing completion.



12. It is humbly submitted that the National Informatics Centre has been requested to extend the Right to Information

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Online facility to all the Public Authorities down below up to the tail end throughout the State of Tamil Nadu, in co-ordinate with the Tamil Nadu Information Commission. In this regard, necessary meeting has been conducted with the National Informatics Centre and Tamil Nadu Information Commission. It is submitted that as on date the above said facility was extended to Public Authorities (Departments of Secretariat, Heads of Departments, District Offices and Taluk Level Offices) in that portal for providing information to the applicants.

13. It is humbly submitted that in the web portal notification, it has been displayed that "you can obtain information online through the website from the offices wherever the online facility has been implemented fully and for other remaining offices, you have to file RTI Petitions and First Appeals manually and obtain information in the same way."
14. It is humbly submitted that the [rtionline.tn.gov.in](http://rtionline.tn.gov.in) web portal is designed by the National Informatics Centre with the guidelines for Indian Government websites and Apps 3.0. The portal can also be accessed by persons with disabilities (PWD) and those with low digital literacy. It has been developed with CAPTCHA providing alternative output modes to accommodate petitioners with different type of sensory disabilities handled by the Persons with disabilities.
15. It is further submitted that the special characters like "\_ , ( ) , @ " : & ? \ % are not allowed in the text box, owing to the security features of the website. However, the National Informatic Centre has been requested to enable the characters such as quotation mark (" " ) , asterisk ( \* ) or exclamation mark ( ! ) in the text box.
16. It is further humbly submitted that Frequently Asked Questions will be updated as soon as the Tamil Nadu Information Commission delivers it's verdict in their web-site.
17. Keeping in view the factual positions stated above, the question in respect of any impediment does not come in the way of implementation of directions, if any issued by this



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Hon'ble Court and the Government of Tamil Nadu will implement the same in true letter and spirit.

18. In the light of the factual circumstances stated above, this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to pass appropriate order as deemed fit and proper and thus render justice.

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**VERIFICATION**

Verified at Chennai on this .01st.. day of July, 2025 that the contents of the above affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.



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*from 9/7/2025*  
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**ADVOCATE & NOTARY PUBLIC**  
**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

