

# TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

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## NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

#### MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

REMOVAL OF CHAIRMAN OF PERANAMALLUR TOWN PANCHAYAT IN THIRUVANNAMALAI DISTRICT UNDER TAMIL NADU DISTRICT MUNICIPALITIES ACT.

[G.O. (D) No. 162, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (TP2), 29th April 2011.]

#### No. II(2)/MAWS/174(c)/2011.

Whereas, Thiru V. Mohan, Vice-Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat, Thiru. D. Ettiyappan, Thiru Duraimurthy, Thiru V.P. Babu, Thiru. Pitchandi, Tmt. Bhavani and Tmt. Pushpa members of the said Town Panchayat have given a complaint petition to the Assistant Director of Town Panchayats, stating that Tmt. V. Prema, Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat had prepared a false resolution No. 46, dated 20-3-2009 with out actually convening the meeting to accord permission for sale of 59 plots in unapproved layout establishing as Sri Selva Vinayagar Nagar in Survey Nos. 273/1A, 1B (2) and 274 in Peranamallur Town panchayat, Thiruvannamalai District and sold the lands in the unapproved layout against the Government rules, on her own and registered the same and thereby caused revenue loss to the extent of Rs. 2.00 lakhs to the said Town Panchayat. The Assistant Director of Town Panchayat, Vellore Region had conducted an enquiry on the said complaint and submitted a report. The District Collector, Thiruvannamalai District had examined the report and requested the Director of Town Panchayats in his letter dated 22-10-2009, to take action against Tmt. Prema under sub-section (1) of Section 40 of the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 through Government, since the allegation against her had been proved;

And, Whereas, Thiru Ettiyappan and 6 other members have filed Writ Petition No. 658/2010 in the High Court, Chennai to take appropriate action to remove Tmt. V. Prema from the post of Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat, as per the proceedings of District Collector Na.Ka. No. 3675/09/E, dated 22-10-2009. The High Court in its order dated 12-01-2010 has directed the second respondent (Director of Town Panchayats) to give an opportunity of hearing to the writ petitioners and the Chairman of the Peranamallur Town Panchayat and to pass orders on the representation of the petitioner, dated 12-11-2009, not later than 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of that order;

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And, Whereas, the Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat and the petitioners were called in person to the Directorate of Town Panchayats and an enquiry was conducted on 13-09-2010. Tmt. Prema, Chairman of the said Panchayat has stated that she has signed in the resolution for the approval of the plots in S.Nos. 273/1A, 273/1B and 274 in Peranamallur Town Panchayat and then only she realized that it was a mistake. The petitioners in their statement have averred that when they enquired about this to the Chairman of the said Town Panchayat, she told that her letter pad was misused by somebody and she has nothing to do with it and hence legal action should be taken;

And, Whereas, the Director of Town Panchayats has requested the Government to take action on the basis of the said enquiry and as per the letter dated 22-10-2009 of the District Collector, Thiruvannamalai District, against Tmt. V. Prema, Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat, under sub-section (1) of Section 40 of the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 and to issue appropriate orders.

And Whereas, a show cause notice was issued in Government letter dated 1st November 2010, under sub-section (2) of Section 40 of the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 regarding the removal of Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayats;

And Whereas, Thirumathi V. Prema, Chairman of Pernamallur Town Panchayat has stated that she does not know about the legal aspects and the mistake has been committed without her knowledge in the approval of layout and she is ready to compensate the loss incurred to the said Town Panchayat and has admitted the mistake and requested to pardon her;

And Whereas, the Government have carefully considered the proposal of the Director of Town Panchayats and the explanation of the said Chairman and are of the opinion that Thiumathi V. Prama, Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat, Thiruvannamalai District, has abused her powers, by registering unapproved layout with false documents;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 40 of the Tamil Nadu District Municipalities Act, 1920 (Tamil Nadu Act V of 1920), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby removes Thirumathi V. Prema, from the office of the Chairman of Peranamallur Town Panchayat, Thiruvannamalai District.

K. ASHOK VARDHAN SHETTY, *Principal Secretary to Government.*