

ITEM NO.27

COURT NO.13

SECTION XII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 19048/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 01-12-2025 in WA No. 3566/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

C. PADMAMBIGAI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

OIL AND NATURAL GAS CORPORATION LTD & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 170950/2026 - C/DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 170938/2026 - C/DELAY IN REFILING / CURING THE DEFECTS, IA No. 170945/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF I/JUDGMENT

Date : 21-09-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

For Petitioner(s) Mr. Jayant Muthu Raj, Sr. Adv.
Mr. M. P. Srivignesh, AOR
Mr. Sharavena Raghul Asr, Adv.
Mr. Mithun Kumaar N, Adv.
Mr. Gokul Athithya R P, Adv.
Mr. Raksha Jain, Adv.
Mr. Anjali Agarwal, Adv.

For Respondent(s)

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.
2. Heard Mr. Jayant Muthu Raj, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner(s).
3. We are not inclined to interfere with the award of tender in favour of respondent no.3. However, the petitioner(s) is

seriously aggrieved by non-compliance by respondent nos.1 & 2, of clause/paragraph 4A (page 40) of the Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) Amendment order, 2018 which reads as under:-

"4A. Special provision for Micro and Small Enterprise owned by women. Out of the total annual procurement from Micro and Small Enterprises, 3 per cent from within the 25 per cent target shall be earmarked for procurement from Micro and Small Enterprises owned by women."

4. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner(s) draws attention to paragraph 11 (page no.202) of the judgment/order dated 06.08.2025 passed by the learned Single Judge of the High Court which reads as under:-

"That apart, for the contention of the learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners that the 3% target was never achieved right from the years 2018-19 upto 2024-25 by the ONGC, the learned Additional Solicitor General replied that the ONGC is progressing towards achieving this target and that even otherwise, if the same could be properly explained to the Review Committee, this ground, by itself, would not invalidate the tender conditions and more particularly when the petitioners have chosen to participate in the tender by accepting the tender conditions."

5. Issue notice to respondent nos.1, 2, 4 & 5 to respond to the above submissions/questions, returnable on 04th December, 2026.

6. No notice to be issued to respondent no.3 at this stage.

7. It is made clear that this Special Leave Petition is entertained only to examine the aforesaid aspects, since it is

a matter pertaining to women empowerment.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(NIKITA SINGH)
COURT MASTER (NSH)