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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

1998 ஆம் ஆண்டு தமிழ்நாடு நகர்ப்பர உள்ளாட்சி அமைப்புகள் சட்டத்தின் பிரிவு 52-இன் கீழ் திருமதி. க. சகுந்தலா, உசிலம்பட்டி நகர்மன்ற தலைவர், 11-ஆவது வார்டு உறுப்பினர் - பதவி நீக்கம் பற்றிய அறிவிக்கை

[அரசாணை (நிலை) எண். 375, நகராட்சி நிருவாகம் மற்றும் குடிநீர் வழங்கல் [ந.நி.5(2)]த் துறை
7 நவம்பர் 2025, ஐப்பசி 21, விசுவாச, திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2056.]

No. II(2)/MAWS/1197(h)/2025.

WHEREAS, the report of the Director of Municipal Administration stating that Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th Ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council, is to be removed under section 52 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999) as she abuses the powers vested in her under the said Act;

AND WHEREAS, on the basis of the said report of the Director of Municipal Administration, a show cause notice was issued under sub-section (2) of section 52 of the said Act by the Government, containing the allegations and she was directed to submit her reply in writing to the Government within 15 days from the date of receipt of the show cause notice;

AND WHEREAS, after receiving the reply from Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council, the report of the Director of Municipal Administration was sought for. After receiving the report from the Director of Municipal Administration, the Government independently and carefully examined the same and have come to the conclusion that Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th Ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council deserves to be removed under section 52 of the said Act as she wilfully disobeys the provisions of the said Act and abuses the powers vested in her;

AND WHEREAS, Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th Ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council, has been removed from the office of the Councillor of 11th Ward and Chairperson of the said municipal council by invoking the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 52 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999), with immediate effect vide G.O. Ms. No.41, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, dated 26.03.2025 and the same has also been published in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, Extraordinary dated the 27th March 2025.

AND WHEREAS, Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th Ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council has challenged the said Government order of removal by filing Writ Petition in W.P. No.12614 of 2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras. The Hon'ble High Court in its common order dated 26th August 2025, has set aside the said Government orders, dated 26.03.2025 and remanded the matter to Government with the following direction:-

“(11) xxx xxx xxx

The 1st respondent is directed to consider the petitioners’ explanations dated 25.11.2024, 01.08.2024, 12.03.2025 and 16.11.2024, afford an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and thereafter, pass reasoned orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.”.

AND WHEREAS, in order to implement the above orders of the Hon’ble High Court, the Government have furnished the Notings / References received from the Director of Municipal Administration to Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council to offer her reply thereon.

AND WHEREAS, Tmt. K. Sakuntala 11th ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council has submitted her reply to the Government on 19th September 2025. The Principal Secretary, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department has conducted a personal hearing with Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th Ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council on the 26th September 2025.

AND WHEREAS, the Government have, carefully and independently examined the charges levelled against her and the reply furnished by her thereon and further oral statement and written statement made by her in the personal hearing and based on the records available. The Government have come to the conclusion that the reply furnished by the said Tmt. K. Sakuntala deserves to be rejected for the following reasons:-

- (i) The petitioner had conducted the statutory meetings of the Council in her official Chamber instead of Council Hall, as required under the Act such action of conducting statutory meetings in her official chamber which leads to ambiguity in quorum;
- (ii) The petitioner also made obstacle to fixation of rent to ephemeral commercial shops in the Bus stand; Precluding the employees from engaging in bill collection activities such actions of the petitioner causes huge revenue loss;
- (iii) By usurping the powers of the Council, the petitioner gave pre-approval to certain tenders which ought to be decided by the Council. She misused her powers and acted in contravention of the provisions of section 45 of Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999);
- (iv) The petitioner unilaterally cancelled the contract by which the Solid Waste Management activities of the town has been outsourced, without following prescribed procedure and without making necessary alternate arrangement by misusing her powers as a chairperson under section 45 of the said Act. Such action of this petitioner causes delay in execution of works, perplexity and debasement of the town and also resulted in hardship and inconvenience to general public. Such action of Tmt. K. Sakuntala is amounted to causing obstruction to a person from performing a public duty thereby such action attract the provisions of section 193 of the said Act;
- (v) Hence, Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council has willfully omitted, refused to carry out and disobeyed the provisions of the said Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 52 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999), the Governor of Tamil Nadu, hereby removes Tmt. K. Sakuntala, 11th Ward Councillor and Chairperson of Usilampatti municipal council from the office of the Councillor of 11th Ward and Chairperson of the said Municipal Council with immediate effect.

D. KARTHIKEYAN,
Principal Secretary to Government.