

SC query on Sabarimala: Kerala CPM secy says no change in party's stand

State to submit its reply to apex court today on issue of entry of women into the temple

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: The CPM state secretary MV Govindan on Friday said the party has decided that the LDF government in Kerala should give an "appropriate response" before the Supreme Court regarding the issue of women's entry into the Sabarimala Temple after examining its legal and constitutional aspects.

Addressing a press meet, Govindan said the apex court had raised seven questions in connection with the ongoing review of the issue, and none of them specifically ask whether women should be allowed entry into the shrine dedicated to Lord Ayyappa.

Responding to queries about the party's stand, he said the CPM state secretariat had discussed the matter and decided



that the state government should formulate its response after considering the prevailing circumstances and the constitutional dimensions involved.

"The CPM state secretariat decided that the Kerala government may give an appropriate response in the Supreme Court, after examining the legal and constitutional aspects. Keeping

in mind the current circumstances and legal issues involved, the necessary decision should be taken," Govindan said.

He maintained that there was no change in the party's position on the matter. According to him, the issue before the SC goes beyond Sabarimala and concerns broader constitutional questions related to religious practices.

"We have to respond to seven questions raised by the court and none of them ask whether women should be allowed entry into Sabarimala or not. This is not merely about Sabarimala; it is a constitutional issue concerning all religions," he said.

On the question of protecting religious customs, Govindan said the party has consistently maintained that

decisions should be taken after discussions with experts and scholars familiar with such traditions.

The prevailing practice at the hill shrine restricts the entry of women of menstruating age. The Travancore Devaswom Board, which administers the temple, recently said it would file an affidavit before the Supreme Court seeking to preserve existing traditions.

In 2018, the SC allowed the entry of women of menstruating age into Sabarimala, a move that had received support from the CPM at the time. The review petitions are currently under consideration, and the court has asked the parties, including the Kerala government, to submit their stand before March 14. *PTI*

Give exam answer sheet copies to TN students, rules info panel

RUDHRAN BARAASU @ Chennai

EVEN as the school board exams are ongoing in the state, the Tamil Nadu State Information Commission (TNSIC) has directed the Directorate of Government Examinations (DGE) to provide copies of students' evaluated answer scripts, if they applied for the same under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, and recommended that the government should digitise all answer scripts for electronic preservation.

Besides digitisation, the commission also recommended that evaluated answer sheets be preserved for six months as against the present period of three months.

The order was issued by information commissioner VPR Elamparithi based on the appeal filed by R Priyadarshini, presently a college student, who appeared for Class 12 examinations in March 2023. She had filed an application under Section 6(1) of the RTI Act seeking certified copies of her evaluated answer scripts for Tamil, English, Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Mathematics.

However, in June 2023, the Public Information Officer (PIO) informed her that students were allowed to apply for answer scripts to DGE (not under RTI Act) within five days of publication of results. Citing that Priyadarshini had applied only for the Physics answer script within the stipulated period, the department refused to provide answer scripts of other subjects. Her first appeal to

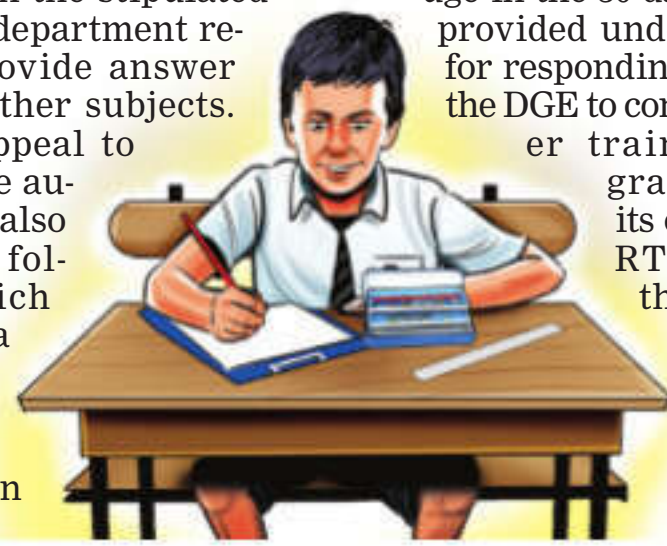
the appellate authority was also dismissed, following which she filed a second appeal before the commission in July 2023.

After examining the submissions and documents, the commission observed that the responses given by the PIO and the appellate authority indicated an attempt to deny information sought by the applicant. Referring to a judgment of the Supreme Court, the commission pointed out that evaluated answer sheets clearly fell within the definition of "information" under the RTI Act.

Subsequently, the commission directed the PIO to provide certified copies of the requested answer scripts within seven days. It ordered that the documents be furnished free of cost since the information had not been provided within the statutory time limit. In addition to this, the commission issued a notice to the then PIO, Jayaree, asking her to appear before the panel on March 27, and explain why a penalty of up to ₹25,000 should not be imposed.

To ensure transparency, the commission directed the DGE to publish clear information on its website stating that students may obtain copies of their evaluated answer scripts by paying ₹2 per page within the period during which answer sheets are preserved.

It also said that, if the students applied for the answer scripts under the RTI Act within the time period for which they are preserved, officers should provide the information as early as possible without taking refuge in the 30 day window provided under the Act for responding. It urged the DGE to conduct proper training programmes for its officials on RTI Act as they lacked adequate awareness on the provisions of the Act.



'Close check for 5 days to ensure plant stability'

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ALTHOUGH the plant started generating power on Friday, he added that it would be closely monitored over the next four to five days to ensure stable functioning.

"At present, the unit is generating around 350 MW to 400 MW. The load will be increased gradually as part of the testing process. After stabilising operations, the unit must run continuously for 30 days before commercial operations can begin," the official added.

The official further said that the first unit of the Udangudi plant has already generated about 127 million units of electricity during the testing phase. The official said the plant currently consumes around 5,000 tonnes of coal per day. "We have a stock of about 50,000 tonnes, which is sufficient for nearly 10 days. Another shipment of coal is expected to arrive by ship in the coming days. Necessary logistical arrangements are being ensured for uninterrupted operation," the official said.

The project, originally proposed in 2008 during the previous DMK rule, entered into the implementation stage during the AIADMK rule. However, it frequently ran into delays before being expedited for inauguration before the upcoming polls.



The offshore captive coal jetty of Udangudi thermal power plant | EXPRESS



TOY STORY BY THE SHORE

A curious kid explores plastic toys for sale beside a boat sculpture crafted from recycled bottles at Kozhikode beach in Kerala on Friday | VINCENT PULICKAL

We will stand with Vijay on alliance decision: Dist secys

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"OUR general secretary Anand did not ask our opinion on which party to align with. But, we all have conveyed that it is impossible to defeat the evil force unless we join an alliance," another district secretary from the Delta region told *TNIE*. None of other top functionaries including K Sengotaiyan, KG Arunraj, and Aadhav Arjuna were present.

According to the district secretary from the western re-

gion, Anand had asked their district secretaries that some party functionaries may not get a seat to contest in the assembly election, if they join an alliance.

"We said that we would stand by our party leader Vijay and general secretary Anand. We would accept whatever decision they take for the welfare of the party and to remove the evil force from power," the district secretary told *TNIE*.

"This is not the way our meetings usually happen. We always get a day's notice at least. I missed seeing the text and had to rush into the meeting a little late," the district secretary from Delta region told *TNIE*.

While concluding the meeting, TVK general secretary Anand told the district secretaries that he would convey the message to party leader Vijay, who would take the final call. Vijay is expected to be in Delhi

on Sunday to appear before the special investigation team of the CBI in relation to the Karur stampede case.

When asked about it, AIADMK former minister D Jayakumar told reporters in Chennai that the party would welcome anybody who accepts AIADMK leadership and joins the alliance. "Our aim is to defeat the evil force DMK. So, we will accept whoever is willing to accept our leadership and join us to defeat DMK," Jayakumar said.



Possession Notice (For Immovable Property) Rule 8-(1)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of IFPL Home Finance Limited (Formerly known as India Infoline Housing Finance Ltd.) (IFPL-HFL), under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, a Demand Notice was issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower/Co-Borrowers mentioned herein below to repay the amount notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Rules. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of HFL/HFL for an amount as mentioned hereunder with interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the borrower desires the dues of the "HFL/HFL" together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred, at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured assets shall not be sold or transferred by "HFL/HFL" and no further step shall be taken by "HFL/HFL" for transfer or sale of the secured assets.

Name of the Borrower(s) Co-Borrower(s)	Description of the Secured Asset (Immovable Property)	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Date of Demand/Notice Issued	Date of Possession Taken
Mr. Rengendran S. Ramakrishna	All that piece and parcel of S No.25/1, Rano.38/5, Anna Theresa Nagar, Plot No.42, Perumal Naicken Palayam Village, Arinjiraman, Nellikuppam Mandal, Cuddalore District, Tn-607104 Area Admeasuring (in Sq. Ft.) Property Type: Land, area, carpet, area, built up, area Property Area: 1560/292.00, 501.00 Bounded By: North: Railway South: Plot No.51 East: Vijayapuram Plot West: Plot No.41	Rs.1599045/- Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Forty Five Only	10-10-2025	11-03-2026

For further details please contact to Authorised Officer at Branch Office : Old No-41, New No-76, Block-1, Nu Tech Building-3rd Floor, 1st main Road, CIT Nagar West, Nandanam, Chennai-600035 Land mark (near to Hyundai Showroom) or Corporate Office: IFPL Tower, Plot No: 98, Udyog Vihar, Ph-V Gurgaon, Haryana.

PLACE : CUDDALORE / DATE : 14.03.2026 Sd/-, Authorised Officer, For IFPL Home Finance Limited

FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. AUCTION NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large that FEDBANK FINANCIAL SERVICES LTD. has decided to conduct Auction of Gold ornaments belonging to accounts (mentioned below) which are NPA (Non-performing Asset) or margin breach account/s or any account/s falling into the loan recall cause as specified in the terms & condition of the Loan. The Auction would be held as per the schedule provided below:

Auction Dates	Branch Auction Date 25.03.2026	District Auction Date 30.03.2026
Loan A/c Number	Base Branch	District 1 Contact
FEDGL04440008397	NEYVELI - 9677304616	Cuddalore - 9715206678
FEDGL01850008664	PALAKKARAI - 9952354799	PALAKKARAI - 9952354799
FEDGL03970004136	VILLUPURAM - 9444189414	Villupuram - 9444189414

Change in Venue or Date, if any, will be displayed on our Website <https://www.fedfina.com/gold-loan/special-sections/auction-venue/>. Customer who want to release their ornaments shall visit any of the above branch/es or contact at the number mentioned above on or before auction Date subject to the terms and condition applicable. Auction will be conducted at respective branches. In case the auction does not get completed on the given date due to any reasons, the auction in respect thereto shall be conducted on subsequent working days at district level as per above schedule. This would continue till the auction process is over. On failure of the first offline auction at branch level, auction will also be initiated through the E-auction platforms of SAMIL <https://gold.samil.in> and/or e-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (AuctionTiger) - <https://egold.auctiontiger.net/>. All participating bidders will be intimated subsequently with respect to acceptance or rejection of bids submitted by them.

Dated : 14.03.2026 Place : PONDICHERRY For, sd/- Authorised Signatory Fedbank Financial Services Ltd.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-TENDER - LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING

e-Tenders is invited from the eligible bidders for the following work as per the procedure of CMWSB under single cover system conforming to the Tamil Nadu Transparency in Tenders Act, 1996 and Rules 2000.

Sl. No.	Name of work and Tender No.	Earnest Money Deposit	Eligibility	e-Bid Submission closing Date	e-Bid Opening Date
1.	Induction of robotic solution by engaging robotic equipment for leak deduction. Assessments of water pollution & Underground water pipelines in Chennai City of Area I to XV including hiring & comprehensive Operation and Maintenance for 2 years. CMT/WSB/MWB/3714A/2025-26	Rs. 2.01 Lakhs	As per tender schedule	07.04.2026 upto 3.00 p.m	08.04.2026 after 3:00 p.m
2.	EMD by online transfer only through tender Portal. The tenderer shall submit scanned copy of online transaction statement towards EMD as part of Tender document.				
3.	Availability of tender documents and e-bid submission is permitted through tender portal / website: www.tntenders.gov.in For all other details refer tender schedule in the website from 14.03.2026				

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIT)

Online bids are hereby invited from the reputed and experienced agencies for the work of "Event Management to facilitate organization of International Film Festival of Agartala (IFFA)". Last date for submission of bids is 09.03.2026 at 11.00 AM.

For more details, please visit <https://tripuratenders.gov.in> or <https://tfti.ac.in>

Sd/- Director Information and Cultural Affairs

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD

O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), STP Circle-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004, TG.

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of Work	Approximate Estimate Contract Value
18/CGM(E)/STP Circle-I/Trenchless Technology/MWSU/1600/1800mm dia/2025-26, dt: 13-03-2026	In-suit Rehabilitation of 1600/1800mm dia trunk sewer main (Duplicate A main) from Divyashakti Apartment to 20 MLD STP at Hussain Sagar Lake using trenchless structural lining system" under Project Division No. VII, Nallacheru, Uppal, HMWSSB.	> ECV Rs.71.72 Crs.

(1) The bid documents download starts online on or after: 18.03.2026 @ 3.00 P.M.
(2) Name and address of Chief General Manager (Engg), concerned - Chief General Manager (Engg), STP Circle-I, HMWSSB, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. (3) The contractors' firms are requested to upload the information in the 'ZIP' format preferably.
(4) Further details can be seen @ <http://www.tender.telangana.gov.in>

Sd/- Chief General Manager (Engg), STP Circle-I, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04, TG.

GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT B.D.C.No.81/ 0939 /2026

e - Short TENDER NOTICE (Two Cover System)

e-Tenders are invited by the Superintending Engineer (Buildings) for the following works as per details furnished below

Construction of Dinning Hall and Children's Play Area in First Floor of Chennai Primary School Building in Div - 64, Zone - 06 (Under MLA Fund)

For more information see <http://tntenders.gov.in> & www.Chennaicorporation.gov.in

Work value Rs. 65,63,757.00 EMD Rs. 66,000/-

Tender last date and Time: 23.03.2026 up to 3.00 P.M
Tender open date and time: 24.03.2026 up to 11.00 A.M
DIPR / 1786 / Tender / 2026 Superintending Engineer (Buildings)

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VILLUPURAM BRANCH No.40/41, Thiyagarajar Street, Thiru Vi Ka Road, Villupuram - 605602 Ph :04146 225424, Email : Villupuram@bankofbaroda.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

"APPENDIX- IV-A (See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6))"

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned accounts. The details of Borrowers/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Assets/Dues/Reserve Price/E-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below :-

Name & address of Borrower/s / Guarantor/Mortgagor s : (1). Mrs. Malarkodi, W/o. Mr. Kaliyaperumal, No.70, Govinatharaj Perumal Street, Villupuram-605602. (2). Mrs. Selvi @ Kalaiselvi, W/o. Mr.Kuppusamy, No.19/33, Govinatharaj Perumal Street, Villupuram-605602.

Ac No. 33100400000038, Rs. 19,66,682.37/- plus interest and charges from 08-03-2026. Total Dues as on 08-03-2026, Rs. 19,66,682.37/-

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES, IF ANY:

The Mortgaged property is in the Name of Mrs. Malarkodi, W/o. Mr. Kaliyaperumal & Mrs. Kalaiselvi, W/o. Kuppusamy

Equitable Mortgage of Residential Property situated at Villupuram registration district, Villupuram Joint-1 sub registration office, Villupuram town & Municipal limits, Ward-A, Block-14, Door no-19, & Town S.no.1(punjai s.no.490/1.29) measuring East to West 31 1/2 feet, South to North 96 feet, total extent of 3024 sq.ft. Or 281.10 sq.mtrs & a building constructed on it, in the name of Mrs. Malarkodi W/o Kaliyaperumal & Mrs.Selvi @ Kalaiselvi W/o Mr.Kuppusamy within under mentioned boundaries: South of GRB street, North of vacant land, East of Mrs. Panjaji & Mr.Kannan's land, West of Common path.

RESERVE PRICE : Rs.35,38,000/- | EMD : Rs.3,53,800/- | BID INCREASE : Rs.25,000/-

Last date for EMD payment :22.04.2026

Date & time of E-AUCTION 22.04.2026, 2.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. with unlimited auto extension of 10 minutes each, till sale is concluded

Possession Type : Constructive | Property Inspection date & Time : 25.03.2026, 10.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer visit to the website link <https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction> and online auction portal Baanknet.com. Also, prospective bidders may contact the Authorised officer on Mobile.9481183507 & 9515024578.

Date : 12.03.2026. Place : Villupuram. Authorised Officer, Bank of Baroda