

# WHEN BASIC RIGHTS ARE BEYOND REACH



**I'm 34 inches tall. Employers would take one look at me and turn down my application.**  
 K GEETHA | CASHIER



It took K Geetha from Erode five years and more than 50 interviews to land a job as a cashier in a department store. "I'm 34 inches tall," says the 32-year-old with dwarfism. "I cannot open doors on my own. I need help to climb a chair. Employers would take one look at me and turn down my application. I was lucky the owner of the store where I work decided to give me a chance."

Like Geetha, who is a BCom degree holder with a diploma in cooperative management, several educated individuals with the condition say they are unable to secure steady employment because of it. Most take up odd jobs to make a living.

"In Tamil Nadu, people who are under 120cm (47 inches) in height are not eligible for government jobs," says M G Rahul, secretary of the Tamil Nadu Dwarfism Welfare Association. "Also, there is no reservation for people with dwarfism in the public and private sectors. So, where do they go for employment? The government needs to intervene."

A Ayyakannu, a member of Tamil Nadu Dwarfism Welfare Association, says though dwarfism is listed under the 21 disabilities in the Rights of Persons With Disabilities Act, 2016, they are all clubbed under the term of "differently abled". "Instead of trying to understand the unique needs of people with each of these disabilities, the government thinks putting them all under one umbrella



solves the problem," says Ayyakannu. "Jobs are usually given to people with locomotor disabilities or visual and hearing impairment. Even in the rare case when people with dwarfism do end up with employment, the wages are disparate. If a person with locomotor disability gets ₹20,000 a person with dwarfism is usually paid less than half for the same job because employers believe they are not as capable," says Ayyakannu, who has been working across TN for job reservations for people with dwarfism. "We have recommended jobs such as office assistants, Anganwadi workers and ration shop staff."

R Gopinath, president of Tamil Nadu Dwarfism Welfare Association, says in the Unique Disability Identity Card (UDID) provided by the Union government, people under two feet are considered dwarfs, while those above that are categorised as having a locomotor disability. Internationally though, the average height of an adult with dwarfism is four feet ten inches.

"So, in spite of having dwarfism, benefits are allotted according to the percentage of locomotor disability," says

Gopinath. He adds that a few people with dwarfism and categorised with more than 40% locomotor disability according to government standards, get a monthly allowance of around ₹1,500.

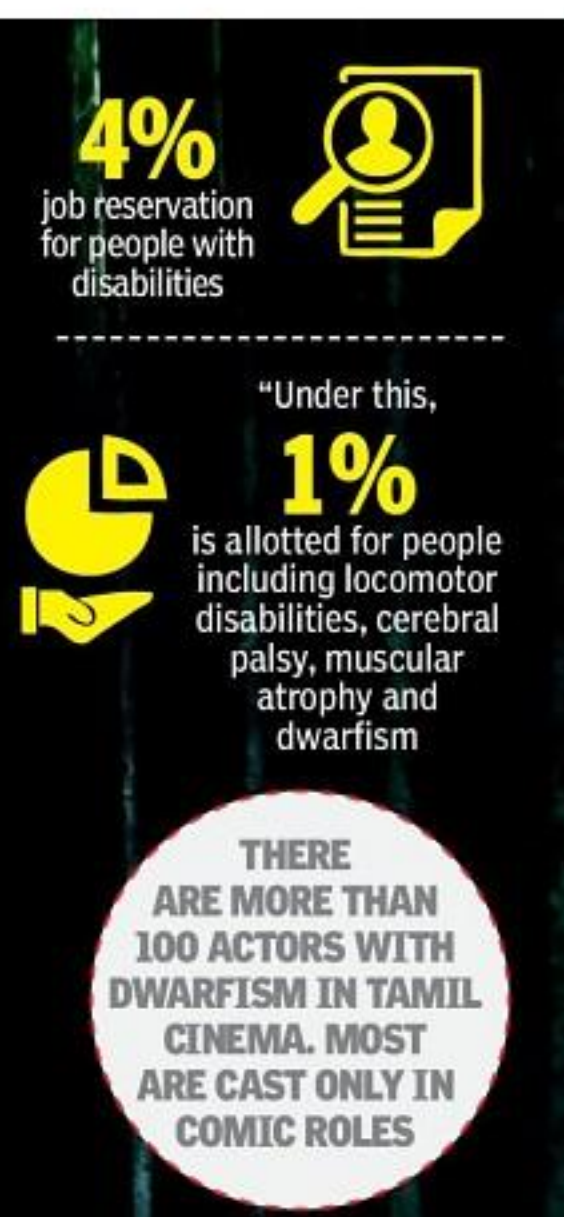
"But the majority of people with dwarfism do not have access to benefits such as three-wheeler provision, concession for attenders for train travel, free bus pass and train pass, and the monthly allowance."

Access to employment and subsidies isn't the only problem those with dwarfism have to contend with. Accessibility to public spaces is another they face every day.

"Although I am now two feet ten inches tall, in school I was just a little more than a foot tall," says Geetha. "I couldn't even latch the bathroom door in school on my own and had to depend on one of my friends to hold it from the outside. Sometimes they would leave the door to go to talk to someone. Geetha says she was bullied to the point of wanting to drop out of school. "But one day I decided I was going to focus on academics so I could get a good job. I didn't think even that would be so out of reach."

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**M G Rahul**  
 SECRETARY OF TAMIL NADU DWARFISM WELFARE ASSOCIATION



## 'We're tired of being seen only as clowns'

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In the 15 years he has been in cinema, E B Gokulan has only been typecast in a comic role — a tribal, a ditty villager, even a teddy bear (in the 2021 Arya-starrer "Teddy") possessed with the soul of a girl in a coma. At 24 inches tall, Gokulan says he hopes one day he will be cast in a more serious role, but also accepts the day may never come.

"People with dwarfism are often sidelined in movies, used more as clowns, to bring in laughs," says Gokulan. "Just because we have a physical limitation in height does not mean we cannot emot. Directors need to move past this stereotype."

There are more than 100 people with dwarfism in Chennai employed in the Tamil film industry, almost always in roles that ridicule their stature and looks.

Along with facing issues such as discrimination in the film industry, people with dwarfism, who are desperate for work, often fall prey to agents who take an unfair cut from their daily wages. "Some actors with dwarfism earn just ₹1,000 in daily wages and pay more than half to agents," says R Gopinath, an actor and president of the Tamil Nadu Dwarfism Welfare Association. "An actors' welfare board for people with dwarfism needs to be formed to look into their grievances and ensure fair pay."

Another industry that thrives on using dwarfs to get laughs is the circus, says Gopinath. Dressed as clowns, tripping, falling, and being beaten with bats, they are traditionally used as comic interludes between main acts. "We have three dwarfs in our circus. Their job is to clown around because people love it," says Prakash, manager at the Great Bombay Circus.

"On screen, when you see a person with dwarfism struggling to climb and sit on a chair, you laugh. But the fact that people are ignorant of our struggles shows why we need a change," says K Geetha, who works as a cashier in a department store.



**E B Gokulan**

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**MISSING**  
 Vimala (Age 67) W/o. Balachandran Pillai, Palamoottil Thekkethol, Nediya PO, Archal, Anchal Kollam dist. was missing on 20.10.2023 and a case, Crime 1410/2023, U/s 57 of KP act was registered on 20.10.2023. If any information about she, please contact in the following numbers.  
 Dist. Police Chief, Kollam Rural - 9497996908  
 Dy. S.P. Punalur : 9497990026,  
 Inspector of Police, Anchal : 9497987042,  
 Sub Inspector of Police, Anchal: 9497980157,  
 Anchal Police Station: 0475-2273366  
 RO NO : 3046/F2/2023/18PRD

**KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED**  
 (CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)  
 No.CEE/T&P/SE2/EET/12N/KC0153/KC0145/2023-24/8272-92 Dated : 24.11.2023  
**BRIEF SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH KARNATAKA PUBLIC PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)**  
 Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Bids on electronic mode for the following works against following Enquiry Numbers:  
**(1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK\_INDENT344** for Establishing 2x100MVA, 400/220kV Substation at Yalwar (Hadagali) in Vijayapura Taluk & District along with construction of associated 106.01km of 400kV DC line, 39.433km of 220kV DC line, 58.28km of 220kV DC LILo line & construction of 2nos. of 400kV Terminal Bays at existing 400/220kV Kalaburgi Substation & 2nos. of 220kV Terminal Bays at existing 220/110kV Indi Substation on Partial Turnkey Basis (excluding Supply of 11kV Switchgear), including Supply of all equipments/Materials, Erection (including Civil Works), of all materials/equipments, Testing & Commissioning  
**(2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/2023-24/SS/WORK\_INDENT345** for Establishing 2x100MVA, 220/110/11kV Sub-station at Mevundi in Mundaragi Taluk, Gadag District along with construction of 220kV DC line on 220kV MC/DC towers to LILo One Circuit of 220kV Doni-Koppal DC line to the proposed 220/110kV Sub-station at Mevundi for a distance of 6.872kms using Drake equivalent HTLS Conductor and associated 110kV lines on Partial Turnkey Basis (Excluding 10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer and 11kV Switchgear), including Supply of all matching Materials/Equipments, Mandatory Spares and Erection (including Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning.  
 The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website <https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in> with hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> on or after 29.11.2023 at 15:00 hrs. Last date & time for receipt of Bids is 21.12.2023 at 15:00 hrs. Any extension of Due date for Bid submission will be intimated in the Karnataka Public Procurement portal. Any details required in this regard can also be had from the Office of the undersigned during Office hours.  
 All Corrigendum/Addendums shall be notified by the bidders before the last date of submission of the Bids.  
**Sd/- Chief Engineer (Electy.),**  
**Tendering & Procurement, KPTCL,**  
**3rd Floor, Kaveri Bhavan, Bengaluru-560009.**

**FIVE STAR Business Finance Limited**  
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**PUBLIC AUCTION THROUGH BIDDING NOTICE**  
 APPENDIX-IV-A [See provision to rule 6 (6)]  
**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general that the below mentioned Borrower/co-borrower mortgaged the immovable property which are described hereunder to Five Star Business Finance Limited and the possession of the said immovable property (secured asset/property) has been taken over by the Authorized Officer in accordance of the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules there to. The secured asset will be sold through public auction by bidding for realization of the loan dues, applicable interest, charges and costs etc., payable to Five Star Business Finance Limited as detailed below. **The secured assets are being sold and the bidding will be held on the dates mentioned below "AS IS WHERE IS", "AS IS WHAT IS", "WHATSOEVER THERE IS" AND "WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS"** under the rule number 6 (6) & (9) (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules (hereinafter referred to as the rules) and on the terms and conditions specified here-under:

S. No.	Name of the Branch & Account	Name of the Borrowers	Outstanding Amount & Demand Notice Date	Details of property	Reserve Price (INR) / EMD / Bid Increase Amount
1.	Five Star Business Finance Limited No. 102/15G, 2nd Floor, Puliakottai Road, Virudhunagar - 626001 Contact No. 90805 41731, 63792 21528 Loan Account FSTNLALONS 000005050776	1.Mrs.L.Sivanthayammal, W/o.Lakshmanan, 2.Mr.A.Lakshmanan S/o.Adikalam, Both residing at, No.129/2, Indra Nagar, Puliakottai Road, Virudhunagar - 626001. 3.Mr.L.Dharamaguru S/o.Lakshmanan, No.1, Indra Nagar, Kovil Padagal, Avadi, Chennai - 600062. 4.Mr.L.Selvarajan, S/o.Lakshmanan, 5.Mr.L.Jaganathan S/o.Lakshmanan, 6.Mr.L.Alagumunipandian S/o.Lakshmanan, S.No.4, 5 & 6 are residing at, No.1292, Indra Nagar, Puliakottai Road, Virudhunagar - 626001	Rs.23,71,562/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lacs Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Two Only) as on 20.02.2023 Demand Notice Date : 20.02.2023	All that piece and parcel of Land and Building bearing Door No.129/2, 129/2A, 129/2B, Situated at Kottaiappi Village, Viruthunagar District, Comprised in S.No.23/2, Patta No.333, S.No.23/2 Part, Land Measuring to an extent of 3.88 Cents., or 1690 Sq.feet., and bounded on the North By - Remaining land of Executor, South By - Inulayal land, East By - East West to Cross Pathway, West By - Ponnammal and Gurusamy Land, Measurements:- East West on North Side - 78.5 Feet, East West on South side - 51 Feet, South North on East side - 31 Feet, South North on West side - 28.25 Feet. The above property is situated within the Registration District of West Ramanathapuram and within the Registration Sub-District of Viruthunagar Joint-2.	Reserve Price : <b>₹ 26,00,000/-</b> (Rupees Twenty Six Lacs Only) EMD: ₹ 2,60,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs Sixty Thousand Only) Bid Increment Amount <b>₹ 10,000/-</b> (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
2.	Five Star Business Finance Limited No. 358/15, Matha Towers, Periyar Statue, Karaiyudhi - 630001 Contact No. 98805 41731, 98806 08191 Loan Account FSTNLALONS 000005050134	1.M.Shanthi, W/o.Mahendran, 2.T.Mahendran, S/o.Thenachi, 3.M.Sathish, S/o.Mahendran, 4.M.Parthiban, S/o.Mahendran, All residing at, No.3-8-98, Mettu Street, Thirupurathur, Sivangani District, Tamil Nadu - 630211	Rs. 27,95,866/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lacs Ninety Five Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Six Only) as on 22.03.2023 Demand Notice Date : 24.03.2023	All that piece and parcel of Land and Building bearing Door No.10/8-9A, Situated at Mettupatti Street, Thirupurathur Village, Thirupurathur Municipal Limits, Ward No. 10, Thirupurathur Taluk, Sivangani District, Pin-630211, Comprised in Old S.No. 416/14, GR.S.No. 416/14B, land measuring an extent of 2180 Sq.Feet with RCC Building and Boundaries for 2180 Sq.Feet. North By-Inulayal Ammal House and West East Pathway, South By - Lakshmi Ammal Plot West East Common Pathway, East By - Samyannu Achari Plot, West By - South North Street, Measurements:- East to West on the North Side - 49 Feet, East to West on the South side - 50 Feet, South to North on the East side - 44 Feet, South to North on the West side - 44 Feet. The above property is situated within the Registration District of Karaiyudhi and Registration Sub-District of Thirupurathur	Reserve Price : <b>₹ 21,00,000/-</b> (Rupees Twenty One Lacs Only) EMD: ₹ 2,10,000/- (Rupees Two Lacs Ten Thousand Only) Bid Increment Amount <b>₹ 10,000/-</b> (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)

**Date/ Time of Auction 27.12.2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.**  
**Date/ Time of Auction 28.12.2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 01:00 p.m.**  
**Date and Time of Inspection of the Properties : On 23.12.2023 Between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

**Terms and Conditions of the Public Auction are as under:**  
 • Public Auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WITHOUT RECOURSE BASIS" and is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to Five Star Business Finance Limited. The bid form, declaration, General Terms and Conditions of Public Auction can be obtained from Office of Five Star Business Finance Ltd., at respective branch. • The secured assets will not be sold below the Reserve price. • To the best of the knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, it is necessary that the intending bidders should make their own independent inquiries regarding any claims, charges, dues, encumbrances and should satisfy about the title, extent/measurement of the property prior to submitting their bid. For any discrepancy in the property the participating bidder is solely responsible for all future recourses from the date of submission of bid. • No claim of whatsoever nature regarding the property put up for sale, charges/encumbrances over the property or on any other matter etc will be entertained after submission of the bid. • The Authorized Officer will not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrance, property tax dues, electricity dues etc. or any other dues to the Government, local authority or anybody, in respect of the property under sale. • The Public Auction notice/advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any offer, commitment or any representation of Five Star Business Finance Limited. The Authorized Officer shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues. • The Sale shall be subject to the rules/conditions prescribed under the SARFAESI Act 2002 and rules there to. • The interested bidders shall submit their bids along with EMD, which shall be payable only through D.D. in favour of "Five Star Business Finance Limited" payable on or before the 26.12.2023 at about 5 p.m. • The Bids along with other documents must be submitted to the Authorized Officer of respective branch in a sealed envelope mentioning S.No.1: "Offer for Purchase - Sivanthayammal's Property & S.No.2: "Offer for Purchase - Shanthi's Property" to reach the Authorized Officer on or before the last date of submission of the Bids. • The bidder is supposed to submit the following documents at the time of submission of the bid: i) Proof of EMD paid ii) copy of the PAN Card iii) Proof of identification/Address proof/Aadhaar Card/KYC (self-attested copies) without which the bid is liable to be rejected. • The bidder alone can participate in the public auction proceeding and no other person is permitted. • The successful Bidder must deposit the 25% of the purchase amount (after adjusting the EMD already paid) immediately upon the acceptance of the offer and declaration of the successful bidder by the Authorized officer, failing which the EMD paid shall be forfeited and cannot be claimed by the bidder from Five Star Business Finance Limited. • The balance 75% of the purchase amount must be deposited by the successful bidder within 15 days, failing which the amounts already deposited by the bidder shall stand automatically forfeited without further notice and no request for refunds whatsoever shall be entertained. Further, the property will be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of the property/amount and will not be eligible to participate in the re-auction, if any. • No interest is applicable to EMD or any amount deposited by the bidders/successful bidder in respect of sale of secured asset. • The Purchaser/successful bidder shall bear the (a) applicable stamp duty/registration/transfer charges, (b) all the statutory, non-statutory, conversion, electricity, sewage charges, any dues, cess, fees, taxes, rates, assessment charges etc. owing to any person, association or authority shall be borne by the successful Bidder only. • Sale certificate shall be issued in the prescribed format in favor of successful bidder only. • The successful bidder shall have to arrange for conveyance etc. at his/her/its cost of the sale certificate as per the provisions of prevailing Stamp and Registration Act. The successful bidder shall bear the charges for conveyance, registration fee, stamp duty, taxes, fee, etc. as applicable. • In case of sale of property subject to any encumbrances, the successful bidder/purchaser shall deposit money required to discharge the encumbrance including interest, cost, expenses etc. if any to the Authorized officer. • In case if the public auction is stopped, stayed, postponed or rescheduled or cancelled, a public notice will be put on the notice board of Five Star Business Finance Limited, respective branch and no personalized/individual communication in this regard will be sent to any of the bidders or otherwise. • Submission of bid by the bidders is construed that they have read, understood and accepted the terms and conditions governing the public auction. • EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be returned on the closure of auction proceedings. • The Authorized officer is not bound to accept the highest offer/bid and the Authorized officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all offer(s) or adjourn/postpone/cancel the public auction without assigning any reason therefor.

Date: 23.11.2023; Place: Virudhunagar / Karaiyudhi  
 Authorized Officer, Five Star Business Finance Limited

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**SARFAESI E-AUCTION/SALE NOTICE**  
**JAG HEET EXPORTS PVT LTD, AHMEDABAD**  
 Shop No. 102 & 111 (Total Area-3050 Sq. Ft.), At- 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Aangan Complex, Bopal, Dist:- Ahmedabad (Gujarat), Reserve Price- Rs. 1.10 Cr  
 Tanishq Hotel Ltd, Basement, Ground Floor, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (Total Area- 26203.00 Sq. Ft.), At- Vardaan Complex, Navrangpura, Lakhudi Talav Area, Ahmedabad, Reserve Price- Rs. 9.00 Cr  
**DATE OF PUBLIC INSPECTION- 05 & 06.12.2023**  
**DATE OF E-AUCTION- 20.12.2023**  
 For Further Details Please visit website : <https://drtauctiontiger.net> and [sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices](http://sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices)  
 Contact: (1) Shri Harshad Sahodia, Asst. General Manager (Mob.7600043736)  
 (2) Shri Sudhakar Chaudhary, Dy.Manager (Mob.9723926076)

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**E-AUCTION OF RAW PETROLEUM COKE (RPC)**

Product	Qty	Auction date	Time
RPC	3000 MT	18.12.2023	11:00 AM to 01:00 PM for Assam (1 <sup>st</sup> Auction)
	Left over quantity of 1 <sup>st</sup> auction	20.12.2023	11:00 AM to 01:00 PM for all (2 <sup>nd</sup> Auction).

**NB:** The second auction on 20.12.2023 at 11:00 AM to 01:00 PM is subject to any left-over quantity after the first auction is over. Minimum upliftment by each bidder: 500 MT. For more details bidders are requested to go through the Business Rule Document (BRD) available in the website.  
**Contact Details**  
 Phone No. : 79681 36834 | E-mail id: [sashish.sharma@gnpl.in](mailto:sashish.sharma@gnpl.in)  
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 Branch Office: Friends Plaza, 2nd floor, No. 101, Birds Road, Cantonment, Trichy - 620001

**APPENDIX IV POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable Property)**  
 Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance Limited (HHFL) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(1) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, Issued a Demand Notice mentioned here under and calling upon the below mentioned Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors of our Chennai Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.  
 The Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers 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 Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the below mentioned date.  
 The Borrowers / Co-Borrowers / Guarantors 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 HHFL for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.  
**Branch: Trichy, Borrower: 1. Mr. Anvikarumar, M & Mrs. Ponnunani, All residing at No.31, Malampatti, Penumbur Post, Viralmalai TK, Keela Thuru, Malampatti Bus Stop, Back Side Vinayagar Kovil Street, Rural, Pudukkottai, Tamil Nadu, India - 621316. Loan Account No. THTCPTCAP/AD00000656. Demand Notice Date: 13.07.2023 and Amount Claimed as per Demand Notice Amount Rs. 16,21,477/- along with interest thereon. Date of Possession: 22.11.2023.**  
**Description of Property:** All that piece and parcel of the land Situated at Pudukkottai District (HHFL) & Registration District, Kullathur Taluk, Viralmalai Sub Registration District & Union, Penumbur Village Panchal & Perambur Village, Comprised in S.No.125/18B, Measuring an extent of 0.02.0 Aras-5 cents- 2180 Sq.ft., 202,527 Sq.ft., boundaries are North: Ponnaiyala Panja land, South: Chinnaiy Panja Land, East: Velaisamy Panja, West: Pathway.  
**Date: 25.11.2023**  
**Place: Trichy**  
**Mr. Suman Panchanathan, Area Legal Manager/ Authorized Officer,**  
**Hinduja Housing Finance Limited,**



