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WP No. 6450 of 2026



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**WP No. 6450 of 2026
and WMP No. 7002 of 2026**

Vaishnavi Chidambaranathan

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Greater chennai corporation
Rep by its commissioner
Ripon Buildings, chennai-600 003

2.The Superintending Engineer
Special Projects Department
Greater Chennai Corporation
Ripon Buildings, Chennai-600 003

Respondent(s)

PRAYER: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari Mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the termination order SPPC NO.A1/0330/2022 dated 31.7.2025 passed by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to grant appropriate relief including payment of monetary compensation in lieu of reinstatement, quantified at Rs.11,31,410/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Thirty one thousand four hundred and ten only).

For Petitioner(s): Mr.K.Rahavan
For Respondent: Mr.P.Dinesh kumar

ORDER

Aggrieved over the termination of contract with immediate effect;
when the contract has specified 15 days' in writing before termination, the



petitioner has preferred this writ petition.

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2. It is the case of the petitioner that she was appointed as "Policy Subject Matter Expert" for the gender and policy lab as a part of the Chennai City Partnership (CCP) Program between world bank and Government of Tamil Nadu, for a period of one year which is extendable upto three years but shall not be extendable beyond 5 years. The petitioner was initially appointed on 10.01.2022. Her contract was periodically extended. While so, on 31.07.2025, the second respondent issued an order dated 31.07.2025 terminating the contract of the petitioner with immediate effect. According to the petitioner, the contract specifies 15 days advance notice in writing by either side. Without ad-hearing the terms of the contract, the second respondent has passed a non-speaking order terminating her contract with immediate effect. The petitioner has sent a legal notice to the respondents in this regard. Since there was no response from the second respondent, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition seeking monetary compensation for a sum of Rs.11,34,410/-

3. On a perusal of the contract and the typed set of papers, it shows that her services can be terminated by giving fifteen days notice in writing



from either side. The termination will be without prejudice to either party's rights accrued before termination.

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4. As rightly averred by the petitioner, the respondent has not given 15 days notice; rather, terminated the contract with immediate effect. However, this Court cannot entertain the writ petition and direct payment of monetary compensation running to several lakhs. There is absolutely no case for quantifying the compensation.

5. In the result, the writ petition is dismissed. However, giving liberty to the petitioner to seek appropriate relief before an appropriate forum. In that event, all contentions are kept open. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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