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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 4003 of 2026

and WMP.No.4473 of 2026

C.Sakkaravarthy

S/O.CHINNAPAIYAN

No.1/155 Road Street, Venkatampalayam

Adamangalam Post, Kalasapakkam Taluk

Thiruvannamalai 606901.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. M/s.Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation

(villupuram) Ltd.,

REP. By Its General Manager

Thiruvannamalai Division

Thiruvannamalai

2. M/s.Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation

(villupuram) Ltd.,

Rep. By Its Branch Manager

Polur, Thiruvannamalai

..Respondent(s)

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 1st



respondent herein in his proceedings in Ka.No. 20301/Ni2/Tha.Na.A.Po.Ka(V).Thi.Malai/ 2020 dated 17.01.2026 and consequential order passed by the 2nd respondent herein in his proceedings in Letter No. 2641/KiMa/Po.tha.A.Po.Ka(V) Thi.Malai.26 dated 22.01.2026 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents herein to retain the petitioner at Polur Depot of the Respondent corporation.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.D.Soundar Raj

For Respondent(s): Mrs.S.Pavithra

ORDER

Challenging the order of the first respondent in his proceedings in Ka.No. 20301/Ni2/Tha.Na.A.Po.Ka(V).Thi.Malai/ 2020 dated 17.01.2026 and the consequential order passed by the second respondent herein in his proceedings in Letter No. 2641/KiMa/Po.tha.A.Po.Ka(V) Thi.Malai.26 dated 22.01.2026, the present Writ Petition has been filed. Further, the petitioner has sought for a direction to the respondents herein to retain the petitioner at Polur Depot of the respondent corporation.

2. Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side. With the consent of both sides, the present Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the admission stage itself.



3. It is the case of the petitioner that he joined as Driver in the respondent Corporation on 10.11.2021 and at present working at Polur Depot. All of a sudden without any reason, he was transferred from Polur Depot to Kilambakkam Depot vide proceedings of the first respondent dated 17.01.2026, which was followed by the order of the second respondent dated 22.01.2026, for which he approached the respondents 1 and 2, but there was no response and hence, the present Writ Petition.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner drew the attention of this Court to the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.1493 of 2024 dated 01.12.2025 in an identical issue and prayed to allow the Writ Petition.

5. On a bare perusal of the case reveals that the petitioner was transferred without any valid reason and the same is impermissible as per the order passed by the Principal Labour Court, Chennai in Standing Order Appeal No.4 of 1995 dated 01.04.2022, wherein it has deleted the power available for transfer from one place to another in terms of Certified Standing Order No.28.

6. In view of the above reasonings and in the light of the orders passed by this Court in W.P.No.1493 of 2024 and W.A.No.2751 of 2025, this Writ Petition is allowed and the impugned orders of the first and second respondent



are set aside. However, liberty is granted to the respondents to proceed with the matter in accordance with law, if the Certified Standing Order is restored.

Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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