



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE T. VINOD KUMAR

CONT P No. 1104 of 2026

U.Gandhi
S/o. K.M.Ugranappa,
No.36A, Dhasaripet, Taluk Office Road,
Hosur,
Krishnagiri District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. B.Chandramohan
Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
2. Kannapan
Director of School Education,
College Road, Chennai - 600 006
3. Jayakumar
Joint Director of School Education(Vocational),
College Road, Chennai - 600 006.
4. R.Madhan Kumar
Chief Educational Officer,
Krishnagiri , Krishnagiri District,
5. Valarmathi
Headmaster
R.V.Government Boys Higher Secondary School,
Hosur, Krishnagiri District.

.. Respondents

Prayer : This Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the Respondents for wilful disobedience of the order of this Court rendered in W.P No.19282 of 2021 dated 19.03.2024.



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For Petitioner(s) : M/s.R.Saseetharan

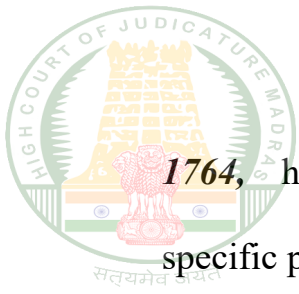
For Contemnor(s) : Ms.Y.Kavitha
Government Advocate.

ORDER

The present Contempt Petition is presented to punish the respondents for wilful disobedience and non-implementation of the Court dated 19.03.2024 in W.P.No.19282 of 2021.

2. The present contempt petition has been filed on 19.02.2026. The period of limitation prescribed under Section 20 of the Contempt of Court's Act, 1971, is one year from the date of the order.

3. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, this Court, by order dated 19.03.2024 directed the respondents to dispose of the representation as expeditiously as possible. While the petitioner claims that the respondents have not complied with the order of this court by taking a policy decision, in relation to regularization of service of the petitioner, the petitioner ought to have approached this Court within the limitation prescribed under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. Since, the present contempt petition has been filed beyond the period of one year prescribed under Section 20 of the Contempt of Courts' Act, 1971, the same is barred by limitation. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of *S.Tirupathi Rao V. M.Lingamaiah and others – 2024 SCC online*



1764, held that Section 20 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, being a specific provision, contempt petition must be filed within one year from the date on which the cause of action arises.

4. Having regard to the decision of the Hon'ble Apex Court in **S.Tirupathi Rao** (supra), this Court is of the view that the present contempt petition is not maintainable, having been filed beyond the period of limitation prescribed under Section 20 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

5. Accordingly, this Contempt Petition is dismissed. However, it is open for the petitioner to work out remedy in the manner known to law.

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