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WP No. 20305 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-05-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G. R. SWAMINATHAN

WP No. 20305 of 2026

AND

WMP NO. 21764 OF 2026

P.Uthamaraj

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Government of Tamil nadu
Rep by its commissioner
Prohibition and Excise Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. The managing Director
Tamil nadu state Marketing,
Corporation Limited (TASMAC)
C.M.D.A. Tower II, 4th Floor,
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.
3. The Senior Regional Manager
TASMAC limited,
305A Vilankurichi Road,
Chintamani Co-operative Society Depot,
peelamedu, Coimbatore 641 004.
4. The District Manager
Tamil nadu State Marketing
Corporation Limited (TASMAC)
Coimbatore South,
Coimbatore District.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to revoke the order of suspension imposed on the petitioner vide proceedings dated 29.08.2025 bearing Na.Ka. No 794/ 2025 / RV1, conclude the disciplinary proceedings



initiated against the petitioner following the circular No 02/2019 issued by the 2nd respondent and consequently reinstate the petitioner into service by considering his representation dated 27.11.2025 within the time it may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.R.Murali

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Murali, GA for R1
Mr.K.Sathish Kumar, Standing Counsel for R2 to R4

Order

Heard both sides.

2. The petitioner was employed as a Salesman in a TASMACH retail outlet and he is said to have collected Rs.10/- over and above the fixed price. Hence, he was issued with a suspension order. The petitioner is said to have paid a sum of Rs.10,000/- as penalty, based on the circular issued by the Management.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner states that the suspension has been in force for more than eight months and then, it has acquired the punitive character.

4. Any order of suspension should serve a purpose. I am *prima facie* satisfied that there is no point in keeping the petitioner under suspension any further. Be that as it may, it is the Management, that has to take a final call. The



petitioner has already submitted a representation on 27.11.2025. The fourth respondent is directed to review the petitioner's suspension and pass appropriate orders within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, this Writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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