



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP Nos. 23829 and 23830 of 2026

S.Ranjitha

..Petitioner in W.P.No23829 of 2026

S.Ajith Kumar

..Petitioner in W.P.No.23830 of 2026

Vs

The Director
Medical and Rural Health Services,
DMS Building,
Annasalai, Teynampet, Chennai-06.

..Respondent in both cases

COMMON PRAYER: Writ petitions are filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to absorb the petitioner as staff nurse as has been done in the similarly situated person who are all appointed during the COVID-19 by considering the service rendered by her in the pandemic period within reasonable time.

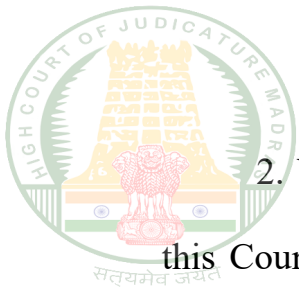
In both cases

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Sheik Thanveer Ahamed

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Sathish, Government Advocate

COMMON ORDER

The writ petitions have been filed directing the respondent to absorb the petitioners as staff nurse as has been done in the similarly situated person who are all appointed during the COVID-19 by considering the service rendered by her in the pandemic period within reasonable time.



2. When the matter is taken up for hearing, it is brought to the notice of this Court that the very same issue involved in these writ petitions have been dealt by this Court in writ petitions in W.P.Nos.15407 and 15410 of 2026 dated 24.04.2026, wherein, it is observed as follows:

“2. The petitioners herein were appointed as Staff Nurse during COVID 19 in the year 2019. The staff nurses who were appointed in Phase I and Phase II were not terminated and were allowed to continue. However, 3,184 (2,366 + 818) staff nurses, which includes the petitioners, have been terminated. Aggrieved by the same, 977 persons including the petitioners had approached this Court in W.P.No.2424 of 2023 and this Court by order dated 12.07.2024 had quashed the termination order. This order was challenged by the State in W.A.No.2856 of 2023. The Division Bench of this Court had heard the appeal in W.A.No.2856 of 2023, along with a batch of writ petitions dealing with similar issue and disposed of the same. Pursuant to the directions of the Court, except 714 persons which includes the petitioners also, others were absorbed as Staff Nurses. Thereafter, the petitioners had approached the respondents in person and by way of several representations, of which, the last one was on 08.10.2025. Since, there is no response from the respondents, the petitioners are before this Court.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

4. In the light of the orders passed by the Division Bench



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of this Court in a batch of cases with the lead case being W.A.No.2856 of 2023, this Court directs the respondents to consider the case of the petitioners and pass necessary orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. ”

3. The aforesaid common order dated 24.04.2026 squarely applies on all fours to the case in hand and therefore, in the light of the orders passed by the Division Bench of this Court in a batch of cases with the lead case being W.A.No.2856 of 2023, this Court directs the respondents to consider the case of the petitioners and pass necessary orders within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. With the above directions, these writ petitions are disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
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To (In both cases)
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