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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08-07-2026

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

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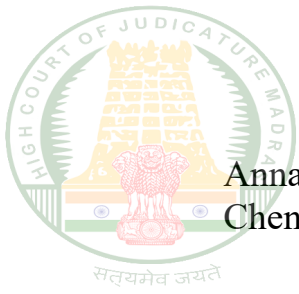
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N. Pushpa

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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2. The Director of Elementary Education
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3. The District Educational officer (Elementary)
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4. The Block Educational officer II
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WP No. 25843 of 2026

..Respondent(s)

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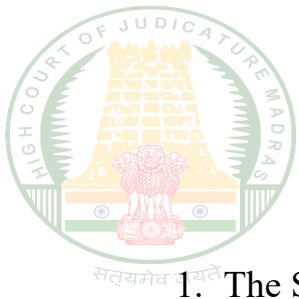
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WP No. 25847 of 2026

B. Ramesh



..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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Chennai 9
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WP No. 25851 of 2026

S.Sumathi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

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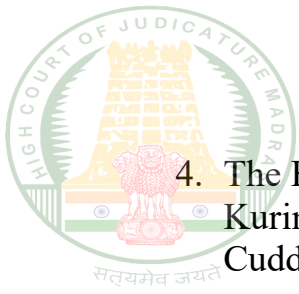
WP No. 25857 of 2026

G.Rani

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1. The Secretary to Government
School Education Department,
Fort. St George,
Chennai 9
2. The Director of Elementary Education
DPI Campus,
College Road, Chennai 6
3. The District Educational officer (Elementary)
Cuddalore,
Cuddalore District



4. The Block Educational officer
Kurinjipadi,
Cuddalore District

5. The Financial Adviser and Principal Accounts
officer
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DPI Campus,
College Road,
Chennai 600 006

6. The Accountant General /(A and E)
Office of the principal Accountant General,
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..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 616/ A2 / 2020, dated 13.06.2022 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension.

WP No. 25843 of 2026

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 1517/ Aa1/ 2023, dated 10.07.2023 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension.

WP No. 25847 of 2026

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 1203 / A5/ 2026, dated 02.04.2026 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension.

**WP No. 25851 of 2026**

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 616 / A2/ 2020 , dated 2.06.2022 and Na.Ka.No. 234/Aa1/ 2025 dated 3.02.2025 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension.

WP No. 25857 of 2026

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 1082 / A2/ 2020 , dated 21.12.2020 to quash the same and direct the respondents to refund an amount of Rs. 3,75,406/- continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and refix the pension, arrears and other monetary benefits.

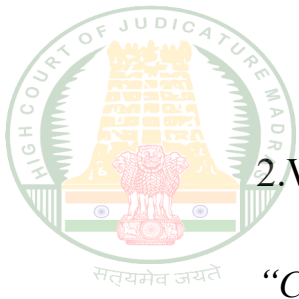
For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Murali (In all WPs.)

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Sathish,GA for R.1 to R.5 (In all WPs.)

COMMON ORDER

WP.No.25840 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 616/ A2 / 2020, dated 13.06.2022 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension.”



2.WP.No.25843 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 1517/ Aa1/ 2023, dated 10.07.2023 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension..”

3.WP.No.25847 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 1203 / A5/ 2026, dated 02.04.2026 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension..”

4.WP.No.25851 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 616 / A2/ 2020 , dated 2.06.2022 and Na.Ka.No. 234/Aa1/ 2025 dated 3.02.2025 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension..”

5.WP.No.25857 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“Calling for the records of 4th Respondent relating to Na.Ka. No 616/ A2 / 2020, dated 13.06.2022 to quash the same and direct the respondents to continuous to pay the incentive increment till retirement and pension..”

6. In identical circumstances, this Court in W.P.No.7542 of 2026 dated 02.03.2026 has considered the very same issue involved in the



present writ petition. Further, the Hon'ble Division Bench in

W.A.No.2747 of 2023 dated 28.03.2025 has held as follows:

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“Today the entire scheme for incentive increments has been withdrawn but the issue as to whether the said withdrawal can be prospective and it cannot operate retrospectively still lingers. We do not see the need to go into the said issue as it is not germane to the facts on hand. Here the respondent has completed M.A. (Economics) in May 2010 and B.Ed in December 2015. Therefore, she is entitled to two sets of advance incentive increments for these two higher qualifications obtained by her. The question of whether MA (Economics) would be useful to the School students or not cannot be gone into by us, as the Government, in its wisdom, had in GO.(Ms).No.324 dated 25.04.1995, consciously decided to confer the benefit of the incentive increments on all teachers who obtained higher qualifications in any subject found in the higher secondary syllabus.”

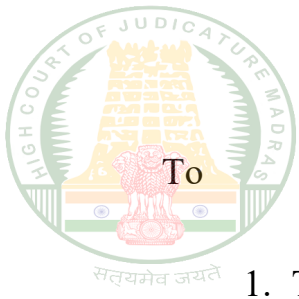


7. Since the relief sought for in the present writ petition is squarely covered by the aforesaid decision, these writ petitions are also allowed on the same terms. The impugned proceedings are quashed and the respondents are directed to grant applicable incentive increments to the petitioners for having obtained higher Degrees, together with all consequential benefits and arrears. If any amount has already been recovered, the same shall be refunded to the petitioners forthwith. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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Index: Yes/No
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