

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-07-2026

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

WP No. 28909 of 2026

Madhavi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director of Public Libraries,
Directorate of public Libraries,
No 737/1 Anna Salai,
Chennai 600 002

2. The District Library officer
District Library office,
Salem District

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to forthwith prepare and publish the promotion panel for promotion from the post of Librarian Grade II / Stock Verification officer to the post of Librarian Grade I against the vacancies that arose consequent upon the promotion of 23 Librarian Grade I officers as District Library offices by proceedings dated 12.03.2026 and consequently consider granting promotion to the petitioner in accordance with his seniority and eligibility and promote her as Librarian Grade I before her retirement on 31.07.2026, to enable her to get consequential service and pensioner benefits within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.M.Purushothman

For Respondent(s):

Mr.AR.Balaji

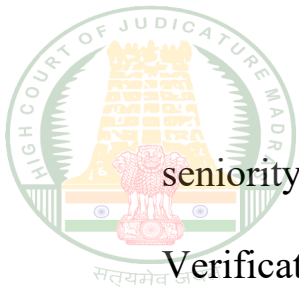
Government Advocate

Order

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to forthwith prepare and publish the promotion panel for promotion from the post of Librarian Grade II / Stock Verification officer to the post of Librarian Grade I against the vacancies that arose consequent upon the promotion of 23 Librarian Grade I officers as District Library offices by proceedings dated 12.03.2026 and consequently consider granting promotion to the petitioner in accordance with his seniority and eligibility and promote her as Librarian Grade I before her retirement on 31.07.2026, to enable her to get consequential service and pensionary benefits.”

2. The petitioner was appointed as a Librarian Grade III on 30.04.1998. Thereafter, the petitioner was promoted as Librarian Grade II on 14.02.2017. The petitioner would submit that he is due to retire from service on 31.07.2026. He would further submit that 23 vacancies arose in the cadre of Librarian Grade I. The respondents published the final



seniority list on 01.01.2025 in respect of Librarian Grade II / Stock Verification Officers wherein his name has been assigned Serial No.47.

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While so, the first respondent, by proceedings dated 12.03.2026, promoted 23 Librarian Grade I Officers to the post of District Library Officers. Consequently, 32 vacancies arose in the cadre of Librarian Grade-I. Though more than three months have lapsed, the respondents have not taken any steps to prepare the promotional panel or fill up the vacancies in the cadre of Librarian Grade-I. Therefore, in this regard, the petitioner made a representation on 29.06.2026 to the respondents. Since there is no response, the petitioner is before this Court.

3. Heard the learned counsels on both sides and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the petitioner's representation dated 29.06.2026 has not been considered to date, a direction is issued to the 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's representation and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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