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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-07-2026

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

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R.Kumar

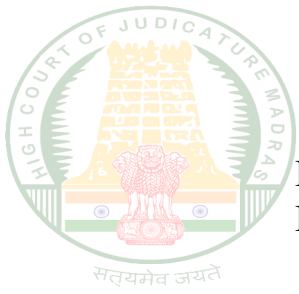
..Petitioner

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Finance (C.A) Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Director,
Department of Treasuries and Accounts,
3rd floor, 571, Anna Salai, Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035.
3. The Additional Director (Admin),
Department of Treasuries and Accounts,
3rd floor, 571, Anna Salai, Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035.
4. State of Tamilnadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Human Resources Management Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 24.06.2026 for sanction of eligible Earned Leave (EL) and Restricted Holiday (RH) to the petitioner in the post of Punch Operator and pass such further or other orders.



For Petitioner:
For Respondents:

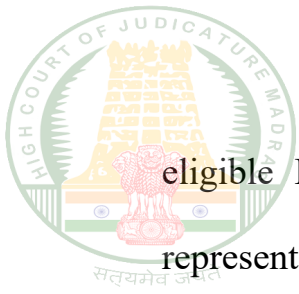
Ms.N.Kavitha Rameshwar
Mr.V.Sivalingam
Government Advocate for R1 to R4

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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 24.06.2026 for the sanction of eligible Earned Leave (EL) and Restricted Holidays (RH) due to the petitioner in the post of Punch Operator.

2. The petitioner was initially appointed as a Punch Operator on a contract basis with a consolidated pay of Rs. 4,000/- per month, and following an ouster due to a lack of vacancies, he has filed W.P. No. 13787 of 2009, resulting in a direction to reappoint them under Rule 10(a)(i) of the Tamil Nadu State and Subordinate Service Rules, which they joined on 11.10.2010. Although the petitioner's subsequent claim for regularization was rejected by the 3rd respondent and their challenge in W.P. No. 26519 of 2014 was dismissed on 14.07.2023, the Division Bench in Writ Appeal No. 1949 of 2023 disposed of the matter on 29.02.2024 based on the respondents' submission that the petitioner would be permitted to continue in service until superannuation. Despite this protected continuity of service, the respondents denied the petitioner's Earned Leave application for the period from 27.10.2025 to 07.11.2025, converting it into Leave on Loss of Pay. Aggrieved by which, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 24.06.2026 seeking the sanction of



eligible Earned Leave (EL) and Restricted Holidays (RH). Since the said representation has not been considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

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3. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side.

4. Considering the limited relief sought in the writ petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the petitioner's claim, the respondents are directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 24.06.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

MRP

To

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