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W.P.No.30952 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.08.2026

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

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Jayabal

...Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1.The Director,
Fire and Rescue Department,
Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

2.The District Officer,
Fire and Rescue Department,
Thiruvannamalai.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, seeking to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to revoke the suspension order passed vide his proceedings in Na.Ka.No.11911/Aa1/2025 dated 23.09.2025 and to reinstate the petitioner into service with all attendant benefits, by considering the representation dated 03.03.2026, in the light of the judgment laid by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Ajay Kumar Choudhry -Vs- Union of India reported in (2015) 7 SCC 291 and also G.O.Ms.No.81, Human Resources Management (N) Department dated 04.08.2022, passed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, within the time limit to be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.D.Parthiban

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Ilamvaludhi,
Special Government Pleader



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ORDER

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This writ petition is filed for the following relief :

“to direct the 2nd respondent to revoke the suspension order passed vide his proceedings in Na.Ka.No.11911/Aa1/2025 dated 23.09.2025 and to reinstate the petitioner into service with all attendant benefits, by considering the representation dated 03.03.2026, in the light of the judgment laid by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Ajay Kumar Choudhry -Vs- Union of India reported in (2015) 7 SCC 291 and also G.O.Ms.No.81, Human Resources Management (N) Department dated 04.08.2022, passed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, within the time limit to be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court.”

2. The case of the petitioner is that he is working as a Fire Man in Jamunamarathoor Fire and Rescue Service Office, Thiruvannamalai District and has been discharging his duties without any default for about 17 years. Whiles, the 2nd respondent, *vide* proceedings dated 23.09.2025 placed the petitioner under suspension with effect from 20.09.2025, on the ground that the petitioner was arrested in connection with a criminal case in WLOR.No.5 of 2025 registered by the Forest Ranger Office, Polur Forest Range, Thiruvannamalai District for the offences under Sections 9, 39, 44, 51, 56 and 57 of the Wild Life Protection Act and detained in custody for a period exceeding 48 hours.



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Thereafter, the 2nd respondent, neither issued a charge memo nor proceeded with disciplinary proceedings. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 03.03.2026 to the 2nd respondent seeking to revoke the suspension order and to reinstate him into service. However, till date, no action has been taken. Hence, the petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking appropriate relief.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 03.03.2026, on merits and in accordance with law and to pass appropriate orders, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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