



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.08.2026

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

W.P.No.30948 of 2026

N.Shanthi

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. The Commissioner,
Dindigul City Municipal Corporation,
Dindigul – 624 001.
2. The Director of Municipal Administration,
No.75, Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
M.R.C. Nagar, Chennai – 600 028.
3. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water
Supply Department,
Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, seeking to direct the respondents to consider the representations submitted by the petitioner on 07.10.2024, 11.12.2024, 27.03.2025, 17.09.2025, 14.05.2026 and finally on 10.07.2026 for revoking her suspension and to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a reasonable period as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner(s) : M/s.T.J.Lakshmipathy

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



ORDER

The writ petition is filed for the relief set out below:

"to direct the respondents to consider the representations submitted by the petitioner on 07.10.2024, 11.12.2024, 27.03.2025, 17.09.2025, 14.05.2026 and finally on 10.07.2026 for revoking her suspension and to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a reasonable period as may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court."

2. It could be seen from the affidavit filed in support of the writ petition that the petitioner was suspended from service on the ground that she failed to properly supervise an employee named Saravanan, who is facing criminal charges under the FIR in Crime No.7 of 2024 registered for the offences under Sections 408, 420, 465, 468 & 471 of IPC.

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

4. No doubt the petitioner has sought for a mandamus to consider her representations. However, a reading of the said representations would indicate that the petitioner seeks revocation of her suspension.



5. The issue involved in the present case has already been dealt with by this Bench in ***G.Kalaimannan Vs. The Secretary to Government (W.P.No.33197 of 2024 decided on 21.08.2025)*** wherein, this Bench, placing reliance on the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of ***State of Tamil Nadu vs. Promod Kumard IPS and others***, reported in ***[(2018) 17 SCC 677]***, held that the prolonged suspension and continued payment of subsistence allowance without extracting the work is not palatable.

6. Since the said decision applies on all fours to the instant case, the suspension of the petitioner herein is revoked and the respondents are directed to reinstate the petitioner in a non-sensitive post as directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***State of Tamil Nadu vs. Promod Kumard IPS and others***, reported in ***[(2018) 17 SCC 677]***. The said exercise shall be completed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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