



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07-08-2026

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

WP No. 31138 of 2026

Bar Association
Karaikal
Rep. by its President
M. Muruganandam
District Court Complex
Karaikal.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Union of India
Rep. by the Chief Secretary,
Government of Puducherry,
Puducherry
2. The Secretary to Government (Law),
Government of Puducherry,
Puducherry.
3. The Deputy Secretary to Government (Law)
Government of Puducherry,
Puducherry.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 02.07.2026 and take appropriate steps for engaging additional law officers of Additional Government Pleader and Additional Assistant Public Prosecutor for Karaikal Region as prayed for in the said representation dated 02.07.2026 in the process of engaging



law officers under the Notification No. E-File No.70720-LD/2026 dated 16.06.2026 issued by the 2nd respondent.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr. T.Saikrishnan

For Respondent(s): Mr. M.Nirmanl Kumar
Government Advocate
Puducherry

Order

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To direct respondents to consider the petitioner’s representation dated 02.07.2026 and take appropriate steps for engaging additional law officers of Additional Government Pleader and Additional Assistant Public Prosecutor for Karaikal Region as prayed for in the said representation dated 02.07.2026 in the process of engaging law officers under the Notification No. E-File No.70720-LD/2026 dated 16.06.2026 issued by the 2nd respondent.”

2. The petitioner is a the recognised Bar Association consisting of Advocates practising before various courts in Karaikal region, Puducherry.



The petitioner would submit that the 2nd respondent issued a notification dated 16.06.2026 inviting applications for appointment to various Law Officer posts under the Puducherry Law Officers (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2021. However, the notification does not adequately address the present requirements of Karaikal region.

3. The petitioner is aggrieved by the fact that though two new Courts have been constituted in Karaikal region, i.e., Additional District Munsif and Judicial Magistrate Court, the notification does not cover these two courts. Therefore, the petitioner association seeks a mandamus to the respondents to consider their representation and engage one Additional Government Pleader and Assistant Public Prosecutor.

4. Mr. M.Nirmal Kumar, learned Government Advocate (Puducherry) would submit that this exercise would require rules be amended which would require considerable amount time.

5. Heard the learned counsels on the either side and perused the records.



6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submission made by the learned Government Advocate, the respondents shall proceed with the notification dated 16.06.2026. However, they shall within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, amend the rules and increase additional posts. Once that exercise is completed within a period of 2 weeks thereafter, additional notification shall be issued for the said posts.

7. The writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid directions. No costs.

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

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