



WEB COPY

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-07-2026

CORAM

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

WP No. 39686 of 2024

AND

WP NO. 21959 OF 2025,WP NO. 21962 OF 2025

WP No. 39686 of 2024

1. K.Dhamotharamoorthy
Junior Engineer,
Veerakkalpudur Town Panchayat,
Salem District.
2. P.Anbazhahan
Junior Engineer,
Konganapuram Town Panchayat,
Salem District
3. K.V. Baskaran
Junior Engineer,
Pethanaickenpalayam Town Panchayat,
Salem District.
4. R. Murali,
Junior Engineer,
Alangayam Town Panchayat,
Tirupattur District.
5. B.Saravanan
Junior Engineer,
Sendamangalam Town Panchayat,
Namakkal District.
6. K. Kanagaraju
Junior Engineer,
Vedapatti Town Panchayat,
Coimbatore.
7. A. Senthil Kumar
Junior Engineer,
Zaminuthukuli Town Panchayat,



Coimbatore District

8. T. Muthu
Junior Engineer,
Thirumazhi Sai Town Panchayat,
Thiruvallur District.

9. M. Arunagiri
Junior Engineer,
Sankari Town Panchayat,
Salem District

10. M. Santhosh Kumar
Junior Engineer,
Uthiramerur Town Panchayat,
Kanchipuram District

11. K. Sambath Kumar
Junior Engineer,
Ethimadai Town Panchayat, Head Office
Coimbatore District

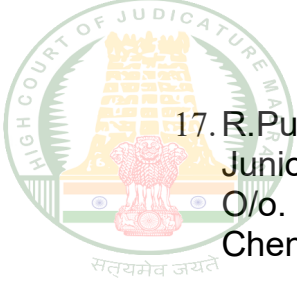
12. K. Gopi,
Junior Engineer,
Muthupettai Town Panchayat,
Thiruvallur District

13. N. Rajavel
Junior Engineer,
Avinashi Town Panchayat,
Tiruppur District,

14. A. Purusothaman
Junior Engineer,
Iragur Town Panchayat,
Coimbatore District.

15. K. Sakthivel
Junior Engineer,
Valappadi Town Panchayat,
Salem District

16. C. Sambanthamoorthy
Junior Engineer,
Anthiyur Town Panchayat, Erode District.



17. R. Pugazhendi
Junior Engineer,
O/o. Director Of Town Panchayat,
Chennai

WEB COPY

18. R. Ganesh,
Junior Engineer, derarshola Town
Panchayat, nilgiris District

19. T. Vincent,
Junior Engineer, ketti Town Panchayat,
Nilgiris District

20. R. Kannan,
Junior Engineer, Kodumudi Town Panchayat,
Erode District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State Of Tamilnadu
Rep. by its Additional Chief Secretary To
Government,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
2. State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By Its Principal Secretary To
Government,
Municipal Administration And Water Supply
Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009
3. The Director Of Town Panchayats,
Urban Administration Office Complex,
7th And 8th Floor,
75, Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai 600 028
4. The Joint Director (General),
Directorate Of Town Panchayat,
M.C.R. Nagar,
Chennai-600 028.



WP No. 21959 of 2025

K.Anbu Kumar
Junior Engineer, Pennadam Town Panchayat,
Cuddalore District

..Respondent(s)

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State Of Tamilnadu
Rep By Its Additional Chief Secretary To
Government, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009
2. State Of Tamilnadu
Rep By Its Principal Secretary To Government,
Municipal Administration And Water Supply
Department, Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009
3. The Director Of Town Panchayat
Urban Administration Office Complex,
7th And 8th Floor,
75, Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai-600 028
4. The Joint Director (General)
Directorate Of Town Panchayat, M.C.R
Nagar, Chennai-600 028

..Respondent(s)

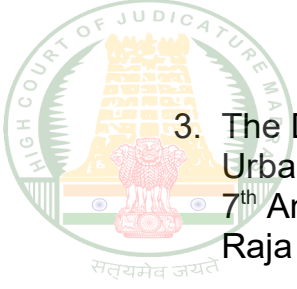
WP No. 21962 of 2025

J.Jothimurugan
Junior Engineer, Bhuvanagiri Town Panchayat,
Cuddalore District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. State Of Tamilnadu
Rep By Its Additional Chief Secretary To
Government, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009
2. State Of Tamilnadu
Rep By Its Principal Secretary To Government,
Municipal Administration And Water Supply
Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009



3. The Director Of Town Panchayat
Urban Administration Office Complex,
7th And 8th Floor, 75, Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai-600 028

4. The Joint Director (General)
Directorate Of Town Panchayat, M.C.R
Nagar, Chennai-600 028

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India issuing writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records on the file of 1st respondent in connection with the qualification prescribed for Assistant Engineer under rule 227 of special rules for the Tamil Nadu Town Panchayat Service as enumerated in Chapter V of Part V of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023 in so far as Table II in Sl.No. 1 with regard to method of appointment by promotion from among the holders of the post of Junior Engineer as well as the Sub Rule 2 in respect of qualification with regard to eligibility for promotion, particularly the requirement of not less than five (5) years of service as Junior Engineer and quash the same as illegal and arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently directing the respondents to re-designate petitioners in the post of Assistant Engineer from the date of promotion as Junior Engineer with all attendant service and monitory benefits in the light of Rule 3 of Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats Engineering Service Rules, 2022 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

WP No. 21959 of 2025

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India issuing writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records on the file of 1st respondent in connection with the qualification prescribed for Assistant Engineer under Rule 227 of Special rules for the Tamilnadu Town panchayat service as enumerated in Chapter V of Part V of the Tamilnadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023 in so far as Table II in SL.No.1 with regard to method of appointment by promotion from among the holdersof the post of Junior



WEB COPY

Engineer as well as the Sub Rule 2 in respect of qualification with regard to eligibility for promotion, particularly the requirement of not less than five (5) years of service as Junior Engineer and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently directing the respondents to re-designated the petitioner in the post of Assistant Engineer from the date of promotion as Junior Engineer with all attendant service and monitory benefits in the light of Rules 3 of Tamilnadu Town Panchayats Engineer service Rules 2022 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court

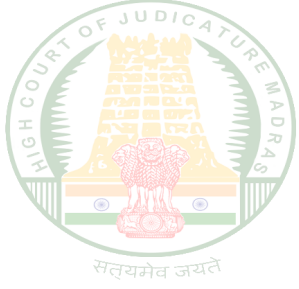
WP No. 21962 of 2025

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India issuing writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records on the file of 1st respondent in connection with the qualification prescribed for Assistant Engineer under Rule 227 of Special rules for the Tamilnadu Town Panchayat Service as enumerated in Chapter V of Part V of the Tamilnadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023 in so far as Table II in SL.No.1 with regard to method of appointment by promotion from among the holdersof the post of Junior Engineer as well as the Sub Rule 2 in respect of qualification with regard to eligibility for promotion, particularly the requirement of not less than five (5)years of service as Junior Engineer and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently directing the respondents to re-designated the petitioner in the post of Assistant Engineer from the date of promotion as Junior Engineer with all attendant service and monitory benefits in the light of Rules 3 of Tamilnadu Town Panchayats Engineer service Rules 2022 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

In all Writ Petitions

For Petitioner(s): No Appearance

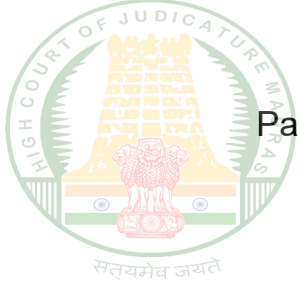
For Respondent(s): MR.R.Sankar, Government Counsel for R1 to R4

**Common Order****(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)**

WEB COPY

Writ Petitions are instituted calling for the records on the file of 1st respondent in connection with the qualification prescribed for Assistant Engineer under Rule 227 of Special rules for the Tamilnadu Town Panchayat Service as enumerated in Chapter V of Part V of the Tamilnadu Urban Local Bodies Rules, 2023 in so far as Table II in SL.No.1 with regard to method of appointment by promotion from among the holders of the post of Junior Engineer as well as the Sub Rule 2 in respect of qualification with regard to eligibility for promotion, particularly the requirement of not less than five (5) years of service as Junior Engineer and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional and consequently directing the respondents to re-designated the petitioner in the post of Assistant Engineer from the date of promotion as Junior Engineer with all attendant service and monetary benefits in the light of Rules 3 of Tamilnadu Town Panchayats Engineer service Rules 2022 within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

2. The Commissioner, Town Panchayat filed a counter affidavit stating that erstwhile Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats Engineering Service Rules, 2022 does not exist or is in force to grant relief to the petitioners. Therefore, the relief as such sought for in the writ petitions deserves no further merit consideration.



WEB COPY

Para 4 of the counter affidavit reads as under:

“..

4. I submit that the petitioner seeks relief under Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats Engineering Service Rules 2022, which was already superseded, not in force and replaced by the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998, came into effect from 13.04.2023. The Sec.200 (3) (c) of the said Act reads as follows,

"(c) all rules, bye-laws, notifications, notice, orders, directions or any other proceedings issued and schemes framed and works sanctioned by the Government or the municipality concerned immediately before the date of the commencement of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies (Amendment) Act, 2022 shall so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, continue to be in force and be deemed to have been issued or framed or sanctioned under the provisions of this Act until they are superseded or modified or reissued under the provisions of this Act;

Therefore, the erstwhile Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats Engineering Service Rules 2022 does not exists or in force, to grant relief to the petitioners."



3. In view of the fact that relief sought for in the present writ petitions in the context of Tamil Nadu Town Panchayats Engineering Service Rules, 2022 lost its relevance, the writ petitions are disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, are closed.

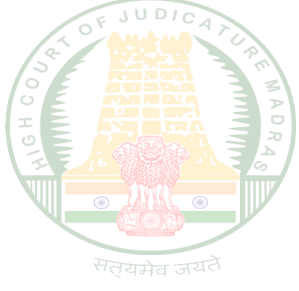
(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
02-07-2026

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

GD

To

1. State Of Tamilnadu
Rep. By Its Additional Chief Secretary To Government,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
2. State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By Its Principal Secretary To Government,
Municipal Administration And Water Supply Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009
3. The Director Of Town Panchayats,
Urban Administration Office Complex, 7th And 8th Floor,
75, Santhome High Road,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai 600 028
4. The Joint Director (general),
Directorate Of Town Panchayat,
M.C.R. Nagar,
Chennai-600 028.



WEB COPY



**S.M.SUBRAMANIAM J.
AND
N.SENTHILKUMAR J.**

GD

**WP No. 39686 of 2024
AND
WP NO. 21959 OF 2025, WP NO. 21962 OF 2025,**

02-07-2026