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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.08.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

and

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.DILIP KUMAR

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and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.2423 & 2424 of 2020

1.S.Thirunavukarasu

2.T.Seetha

3.S.S.Rani

4.P.Vasanthi

5.M.Salaimani

6.S.Muthukumaran

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.Government of Tamil Nadu,

Represented by its Secretary,

Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department,

Secretariat,

Fort St. George,

Chennai – 600 009.



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2. Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Secretariat,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

3. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Ezhilagam,
Chepauk,
Chennai – 600 005.

4. The Secretary,
The Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
TNPSC Road Park Town,
V.O.C., Nagar,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 003.

5. S. Pratheeba

6. D. M. Senthilkumar

7. K. Gopalakrishnan

8. K. Thirunavukkarasu

9. M. Meenakshi Sundaram

10. J. Karthikeyan

11. L. G. Bibin Subash

12. A. Manikanda Prabhu

13. V. Rajavel



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WEB CAM 14.V.Muralidharan

15.B.Vivekanandhan

16.M.Thangaraj

17.G.Thanigaivel

18.S.Sakkara Pandiyan

19.M.Aishwarya

... Respondents

[R5 to R15 are impleaded vide court order dated 19.10.2023 in W.M.P. (MD)No.4011/2020 in W.P.(MD)No.2859/2020 by SMSJ & VLNJ]

[R16 to R19 are impleaded vide court order dated 19.10.2023 in W.M.P. (MD)No.4367/2020 in W.P.(MD)No.2859/2020 by SMSJ & VLNJ]

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Declaration, declaring that the amendment to Rule 8(v) in Annexure IX of 38(b)(ii) the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rules, brought in vide Government Order G.O.Ms.No.10, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (B) Department dated 14.01.2020 as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and direct promotions to be made from the post of Assistant to the post of Deputy Tahsildar in the Revenue Department in respect of Direct Recruit Assistants without reference to the said amendment.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Mahadevan

For Respondents 1 to 3 : Mr.G.Mohan Kumar

Additional Government Pleader



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For Respondent No.4 : Mr.J.Anand Kumar

For Respondents 5 to 15 : Mr.C.Gangai Amaran

For Respondents 16 to 19 : Mr.S.Kumar

ORDER

[Order of the Court was made by M.DHANDAPANI, J.]

The present Writ Petition has been seeking to declare the amendment to Rule 8(v) in Annexure IX of 38(b)(ii) the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rules, brought in vide Government Order G.O.Ms.No. 10, Personnel and Administrative Reforms (B) Department dated 14.01.2020 as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional and also for a direction that promotions to be made from the post of Assistant to the post of Deputy Tahsildar in the Revenue Department in respect of Direct Recruit Assistants without reference to the said amendment.

2.Learned Counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioners are promotee Assistants and there was a separate Rule governing the service conditions of the promotee Assistants and also a separate Rule governing the directly recruited Assistants. Earlier, as per the Rule 8(v) of Annexure IX of the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service Rule, promotion to the post of Deputy Tahsildar was made to the concerned



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Direct Recruit Assistants who have undergone training for a period of one year and eight months in the District Collector's office. However, the said rule has been amended to the effect that the training may be completed either in the District Collector's office or in any other office in the Revenue Unit of the District. The same was also given retrospective effect from 2015. Aggrieved over the same, the promotee Assistants made a representation before the official respondents on 20.05.2018 and the same is pending consideration.

3. Learned Counsel for the petitioners would submit that though the petitioners have filed the present Writ Petition challenging the amended Rule, which was given retrospective effect from the year 2015, the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the official respondents to consider the said representation of the petitioners within a time frame.

4. Heard the learned Counsel for the petitioner.

5. Considering the submission made by the learned Counsel for the petitioners, this Court without going into the merits of the matter, disposes of this Writ Petition, with a direction to the petitioners to send a fresh



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representation to the respondents 1 to 4, annexing a copy of this order and on receipt of the said representation, the respondents 1 to 4 are directed to consider the same and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of twelve [12] weeks, thereafter. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

[M.D.I., J.] & [N.D.K., J.]
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