

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C.V. KARTHIKEYAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SAKTHIVEL

WA(MD) No. 1018 of 2026

and

C.M.P.(MD)No.9170 of 2026

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Principal Secretary,
Department of Higher Education,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. The commissioner of Collegiate Education
Saidapet, Chennai 600 015.
3. The Joint Director of Collegiate Education
Tiruchirappalli Region, Tiruchirappalli,
Tiruchirappalli District 620 023

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Secretary
St. Josephs College (Autonomous),
Tiruchirappalli 625 002,
Tiruchirappalli District.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent, praying to prefer this Memorandum of appeal against the order dated 15.07.2025 made in W.P.(MD) No.19030 of 2025 passed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s):

Mr.S.I.Muthiah
Counsel for the State

For Respondent(s):

Ms.Rooshi Maas
for M/s.Isaac Chambers

**ORDER****(Order of the Court was made by C.V.Karthikeyan J.)**

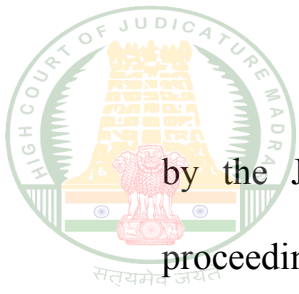
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The State is on appeal questioning the order of the learned Single Judge, dated 15.07.2025 in the writ petition filed by the respondent herein.

2.The writ petition had been filed seeking a mandamus to disburse the salary and other allowances for Mr.A.Johnson Antonyraj, who had been appointed as sweeper on and from 31.01.2017 till 08.03.2019 together with all consequential benefits.

3.It had been contended in the writ petition that appointment of Mr.A.Johnson Antonyraj as sweeper had been approved by the appellant herein. Once approval had been granted for such appointment, then naturally for the work discharged and the service rendered, salary will have to be paid. The writ petition has been filed complaining that there had been no disbursement of salary for the period of work discharged by Mr.A.Johnson Antonyraj.

4.We have examined the order of the learned Single Judge. The learned Single Judge had applied the observations in earlier writ petition, wherein it was held that when the approval is granted, then disbursal of salary should be from the date of appointment and the denial of the same would be violation of Article 21 of the Constitution of India. It is to be noted that approval had been granted



by the Joint Director of Collegiate Education. Tiruchirappalli Region by proceedings in Na.Ka.No.7142/E2/2018-14 dated 13.10.2022 and such approval was from the date of initial appointment. It is also to be noted that the proposal seeking disbursement of arrears of salary was returned by the Joint Director only due to the allocation of funds to the Department for the financial year 2023-24. As a concept, the salary has to be disbursed once approval has been granted from the date of appointment.

5.We find no reason to interfere with the order of the learned Single Judge. The appellants should disburse the entitlements within a period of three (3) months in accordance with the entitlement permissible for Mr.A.Johnson Antonyraj, who had been working as Sweeper from 31.07.2017 to 08.03.2019 on or before 30.09.2026.

6.This writ petition stands dismissed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(C.V.K.,J.) (R.S.V.,J.)
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