



W.P.(MD) No.20071 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 06.08.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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M.Saravanakumar

... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Principal Secretary to Government
Government of Tamil Nadu
Highways and Minor Ports Department
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009

2.The Director General
Highways Department
Chennai-600 025

3.The Chief Engineer
Construction and Maintenance
Highways Department
Chennai-600 025

4.The Chief Engineer
Construction and Maintenance
Highways Department, Madurai

5.The Divisional Engineer (H)
Construction and Maintenance
O/o.The Divisional Engineer (H) C&M
Kovilpatti, Thoothukudi-628 501

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 2 to take action on the recommendation of the third respondent in Letter No.13916/Nir.2/Ka(Ma) Pa/2022 dated 21.03.2023 seeking to combine the post of “Skilled Assistant Grade I and Grade II” into “Road Inspector” and grant Selection Grade / Special Grade to the Road Inspector who possess SSLC with ITI Certificate, within a timeframe fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.J.Karthick

For Respondents : Mr.C.Jeganathan
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner was initially appointed as Road Inspector Grade-II in the Highways Department on 08.01.2010 and is presently working as Skilled Assistant Grade-I. As there was no further promotional avenues from the post of Skilled Assistant Grade-I, basing upon the request made by the petitioner and several others, the third respondent appears to have submitted a proposal to the second respondent *vide* Letter No.13916/Nir.2/Ka(Ma)



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Pa/2022 dated 21.03.2023, recommending for restructure of the posts of Road Inspector Grade II and Grade-I and Skilled Assistant etc., and the second respondent appears to have forwarded the said proposal to the first respondent. As no steps were taken thereafter on the said proposal / recommendation, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on the application submitted by the petitioner under the Right to Information Act, 2005, an information was furnished that the said proposal is pending before the first respondent and therefore, he seeks appropriate direction to the first respondent for passing orders on the said proposal, which is pending before him.

3. Mr.C.Jeganathan, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, on instructions, submits that the proposal submitted by the third respondent and forwarded by the second respondent is still pending before the first respondent and appropriate decision would be taken by the first respondent expeditiously.



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