

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.12.2016

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THE HON'BLE MR.SANJAY KISHAN KAUL, CHIEF JUSTICE
AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.SUNDAR

W.P.Nos.14361 and 36175 of 2016

W.P.No.14361 of 2016:

Coimbatore Consumer Voice
rep. by its Secretary, N.Logu
No.77, Opp. Medical College
Avinashi Road
Coimbatore - 641 014. .. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Government of India
rep. by its Secretary
Ministry of Consumer Affairs
Food and Public Distribution Department
(Consumer Protection Unit)
Krishi Bhawan
New Delhi - 110 114.
2. The Government of Tamil Nadu
rep. by its Chief Secretary
Fort St. George
Chennai - 600 009.
3. The Government of Tamilnadu
rep. by its Principal Secretary
(Member - Selection Committee)
Co-operation, Food and Consumer
Protection Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
4. The Government of Tamilnadu
rep. by its Secretary
Law Department
(Member - Selection Committee)
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

5. The Hon'ble State President
Chairman - Selection Committee
State Consumer Dispute Redressal Forum
Brazer Bridge Road
Park Town, Chennai - 600 005.

.. Respondents

W.P.No.36175 of 2016:

Citizen Consumer and Civic
Action Group (CAG)
rep. by its Director, S.Saroja
9/5, II Street, Padmanabha Nagar
Adyar, Chennai - 600 020.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamilnadu
rep. by its Secretary
Cooperation, Food and Consumer
Protection Department
Government of Tamil Nadu
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Commissioner
Civil Supplies and Consumer
Protection Department
Ezhilagam, 4th Floor, Chempauk
Government of Tamil Nadu
Chennai - 600 005.

.. Respondents

PRAYER in W.P.No.14361 of 2016: Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent herein to fill up the vacancies for the post of Member in Coimbatore, Namakkal, Nagapattinam, Vellore and Tiruvanamalai, Madurai District Consumer Redressal Forum and to direct the 3rd respondent herein to implement the mediation process to resolve consumer complaints in all District and State Consumer Redressal forums in Tamil Nadu based on the guideline in Mediation Advisory Centre by the 1st respondent within a stipulated time.

PRAYER in W.P.No.36175 of 2016: Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to forthwith take all necessary steps to enable appointment of the President of the State Consumer Commission of Tamil Nadu expeditiously based on the recommendation of the Honourable Chief Justice of High Court of Madras in consonance with the directions of the Honourable Supreme Court of India in Ashish Handa - Vs - Chief Justice of Punjab & Haryana (1996) 3 SCC 145.

For Petitioner in : Mr.A.Edwinprabakar
W.P.No.14361 of 2016

For Petitioner in : Mr.E.Jaya Sankar
W.P.No.36175 of 2016

For Respondents : Mr.R.Muthukumarasamy
Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.M.K.Subramanian
Government Pleader
for respondents 2 to 5
in W.P.No.14361 of 2016
and respondents in W.P.No.
36175 of 2016

Mr.Su.Srinivasan
Assistant Solicitor General
for 1st respondent
in W.P.No.14361 of 2016

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

Notification has been issued today appointing Justice S.Tamilvanan as the President of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

2. The impediment to appointing President and Members of the District fora was pending consideration only because there was no President of the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. The said process would be completed within three months from today.

In view of the aforesaid, these petitions are closed. No costs.

List for compliance on 24.3.2017.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS IV)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.76308

RK(CO)
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