

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12.10.2017

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

W.P.No.5606 of 2014
and
WMP.Nos.1 & 2 of 2014

M.Raja

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Additional Chief Secretary
to Government,
Environment and Forest department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Panagal Building,
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

3.The Chief Wild Life Warden,
Panagal Building,
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015. ... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the impugned proceedings issued by the first respondent in G.O.Ms.No.187, Environment and Forest Department dated 19.11.2013 and quash the same and in so far as it relates to the selection to the post of Forest Watcher and consequently direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner to the post of Forest Watcher on regular basis in the existing vacancies to the post of Forest watcher with consequential and other attendant benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Sankaran

For Respondents: Mr.M.Santhana Raman
Additional Government Pleader (Forest)

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The G.O.Ms.No.187, Environment and Forest Department dated 19.11.2013 is sought to be quashed in respect of the selection to the post of Forest Watcher and further direction

is sought for to appoint the petitioner in the post of Forest Watcher.

2.The learned counsel made a submission that the batch of Plot Watchers and Supernumerary Anti Poaching Watchers were selected for the post of Forest Watcher and an order was issued by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest in proceedings dated 28.04.22017. However, the writ petitioner is eligible but his name was not considered for appointment to the post of Forest watcher. The learned counsel further states that in view of the pendency of the writ petition, the name of the writ petitioner was not considered.

3.However, this Court is of the view that a mere pendency will not deprive the right of the writ petitioner and the case of the writ petitioner is also to be considered along with all other eligible candidates if the writ petitioner was also eligible and qualified to the post of Forest Watcher.

4.In this view of the matter, the writ petitioner is permitted to submit his representation to the second respondent, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On receipt of such representation the second respondent is directed to consider the grievances of the writ petitioner based on his eligibility, qualifications and the length of service and pass appropriate orders, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, thereafter.

5.Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. However, there is no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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1.The Additional Chief Secretary
to Government of Tamil Nadu,
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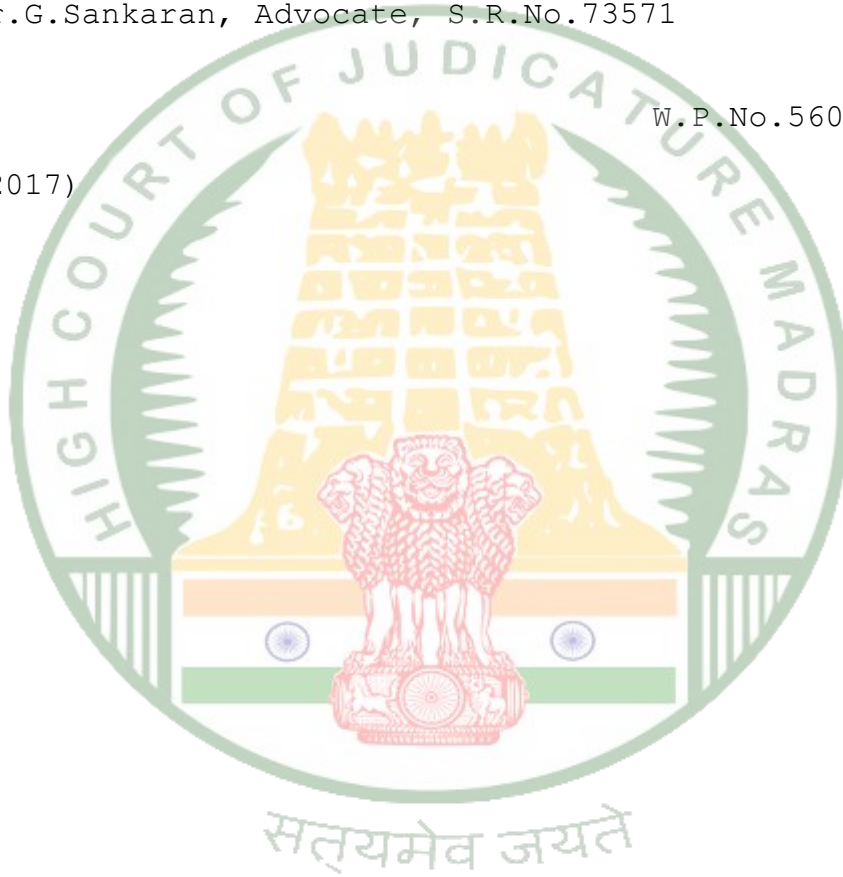
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