

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 20.09.2017
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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

W.P.No.25136 of 2017

A.Manivasagam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forest Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
Panagal Building,
Saidapet, Chennai - 15.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to appoint the petitioner as Forest Watcher with effect from the date of his juniors appointment on 24.01.1995 by considering the petitioners representation dated 18.07.2017 in the light of the order passed in W.P.No.15561 of 2006 dated 10.03.2008, W.A.No.690 of 2008 dated 13.10.2009, W.P.No.23374 of 2008 dated 30.10.2009, W.A.No.607 of 2010 dated 20.03.2010 and Letter No.19683/FR.2(II)/2016-4 of the first respondent dated 03.03.2017 with all consequential benefits.

For Petitioners: Ms.K.Jenitha

For Respondents: Mr.M.Santhana Raman

Additional Government Pleader (Forest)

C O M M O N O R D E R

The relief sought for in this writ petition is for a direction to the respondents to promote the writ petitioners to the post of Forest Watcher with effect from the date of his juniors were promoted and appointed.

2.Heard Ms.K.Jenitha, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.M.Santhana Raman, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

3.Though the prayer sought for is large in nature. The

learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner restricted the prayer to the extent of stating that it is suffice, if a direction is issued to the second respondent to consider the representation in relation to the promotion of the writ petitioner to the post of Forest Watcher. The writ petitioner is now working as a Social Forestry Worker in the Forest Department and he claims that some of his juniors were already promoted to the post of Forest Watcher. Pursuant to the orders passed by this Court in some other writ petitions in this regard, the writ petitioner made a representation to the second respondent on 18.07.2017 and the same is yet to be considered.

4. Without going into the merits of the matter, the second respondent is directed to consider the representation submitted by the writ petitioner on 18.07.2017 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Secretary to Government,
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