

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ABHINAND KUMAR SHAVILI

WRIT PETITION Nos. 34964, 35066 and 35065 of 2018

COMMON ORDER:

Since the issue raised and the parties are one and the same in all these three writ petitions, they are being disposed of by way of this common order with the consent of both the counsel.

2. In all these writ petitions, different charge memos were issued to the petitioner by respondent No.2 on different dates holding departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of the APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that respondent No.2 issued the said charge Memos during the year 2015 for which the petitioner submitted her explanation denying all the charges levelled against her, but, respondent No.2 did not conclude the disciplinary proceedings till date.

4. Heard Smt.B.Rajeswari, learned counsel for petitioner and learned Government Pleader Services-II appearing for respondents.

5. Learned counsel for petitioner would submit that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner way back in the year 2015 were not concluded till date. In pursuance of G.O.Ms.No.679 General Administration (Services-C) Department, dated 01.11.2008, which

contemplates normal time of three months and six months is allowed in simple and complicated cases respectively, the enquiry pending against the petitioner is liable to be dropped.

6. On the other hand, learned Government Pleader appearing for respondents while acceding the facts of the case, requested to grant a further period of four months to complete the enquiry pending against the petitioner.

7. In that view of the matter, without going into the merits of the case, the writ petitions are disposed of directing respondent No.2 to conclude all the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner in the year 2015 within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order. Else, the disciplinary proceedings would stand abated. It is needless to mention that the petitioner should co-operate with the disciplinary authority during enquiry. No costs.

8. Miscellaneous Petitions, if any, pending in these writ Petitions shall stand closed.

ABHINAND KUMAR SHAVILI, J

01st October, 2018

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