

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.10.2019

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.29892 of 2019
and W.M.P.No.29798 of 2019

S.John

...Petitioner

vs.

1.The District Collector,
The Office of the District Collector,
Erode District.

2.The Revenue Divisional Officer,
The Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer,
Erode.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, seeking for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, forbearing the respondents from conducting any general counseling for transfer in mid-year without following the guidelines and for any other relief or reliefs that may be appropriate in the present circumstances of the case.

For Petitioner : Mr.Chandrakumar
for M/s.V.P.K.Gowtham

For Respondents : Mrs.R.Janaki
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking direction to forbear the respondents from conducting any general counseling for transfer in mid-year without following the guidelines and for any other relief or reliefs that may be appropriate in the present circumstances of the case.

2.The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner is working as Village Administrative Officer in Erode District and he entrusted with the work of collection of land revenues, maintaining the records pertaining to the lands and identifying the lands for purpose of revenue assessment and he should reside in the respective village so that the revenue administration should not collapse due to the absence of VAOs. In order to streamline the work of the VAOs, the State Government issued a

G.O.Ms.No.515 dated 25.08.2008 and described the important guidelines to be followed while the general transfer for administrative reason. The general counselling is going to be held for VAOs all over Tamil Nadu. Hence, the petitioner filed a writ petition before this Court for not following the guidelines for general counselling as per the aforesaid G.O.

3.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that it would suffice if this Court issues direction to the to follow the G.O.Ms.No.515 dated 25.08.2008 while transferring the VAO by way of general counselling.

4.The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, on instructions would submit that the Government scrupulously followed G.O.Ms.No.515 dated 25.08.2008 while transferring the VAO by way of general counselling.

5.Recording the statement made by the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, the Writ Petition stands closed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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+1cc to M/s.V.P.K.Gowtham, Advocate, Sr.No.88335
+1cc to The Government Pleader Sr.No.88665

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