

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED : 15.11.2019
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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI
W.P.Nos.32134 & 32139 of 2019 and
W.M.P.Nos.32412 & 32422 of 2019

W.P.No.32134 of 2019

1.P.Subramani

2.K.Gajendran

3.T.Mohan

4.M.Arumugam

5.M.Palani

6.G.Chinnadurai

7.S.Sekar

8.M.Muthu

9.B.Elumalai

10.S.Selvaraj

11.P.Rajendran

12.A.Manoharan

13.L.Rajangam

14.A.Sivan

15.M.Mariappan

16.A.Mahalilingam

17.P.R.Ganesan

18.R.Vijayan

19.P.Samirajan

20.M.Samappan

... Petitioners

Vs.

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Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009

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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 Mandamus, directing the respondents to appoint the petitioners as regular time scale Forest Watchers taking into account of their seniority and qualification, on par with their Juniors in the light of the orders 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 29.03.2010 and proceedings of the second respondent dated 07.01.2011 and confer all consequential benefits.

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2. G. Kottai Thai
3. D. Veeramalai
4. A. Karichiyappan
5. S. Natarajan
6. M. Ponnusamy
7. S. Settu
8. D. Karuna
9. G. Kottai Thai
10. K. Ramasamy
11. S. Kandeegan
12. M. Muniyammal
13. S. Valli
14. K. Chinathambi
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For Petitioners : Mr.S.Mani

For Respondents : Mr.M.Elumalai,
Government Advocate

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By consent, these writ petitions are taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The case of the petitioners is that the petitioners were appointed on daily wage basis in the Forest Department as Plot Watchers / Social Forestry Worker. The above said post is a non-cadre post in which more than 3000 persons have been appointed throughout the State, during the relevant period. Though they were appointed in the year 1986, thereafter in the year 2003 to 2012 they were brought into time scale of pay in the cadre post of Forest Watcher and rendered service for more than two decades. Similarly situated persons already filed W.P.Nos.15561 of 2006 and 23374 of 2008, which were allowed on 31.10.2009. Aggrieved by the said order, the State preferred appeal and the same were dismissed in W.A.Nos.690 of 2008 and 607 of 2010 on 29.03.2010. Therefore in order to avail such benefit, the petitioners made representation on 28.01.2019 and

30.06.2019 for regularisation of their services, but till date the same have not been considered. Hence, the petitioners have filed the present petitions.

3.Heard both sides.

4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that it would suffice if a direction is issued to the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioners dated 28.01.2019 and 30.06.2019 and pass orders, within a stipulated time fixed by this Court.

5.Though the petitioners have sought for a larger relief, this Court without going into the merits of the case, directs the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioners dated 28.01.2019 and 30.06.2019 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

6.With the above direction, the writ petitions stand disposed of. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. No costs.

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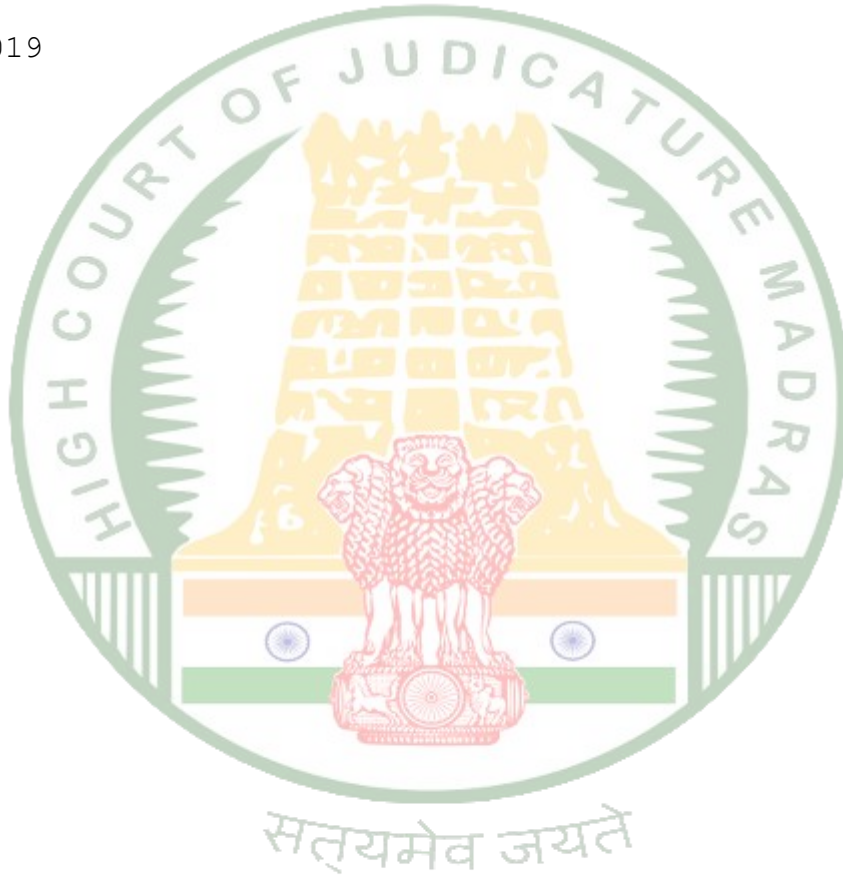
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