



**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

**DATED: 27.09.2019**

**CORAM:**

**THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE V.M.VELUMANI**

**W.P. (MD) No.20861 of 2019**

**and**

**W.M.P. (MD) No.17444 of 2019**

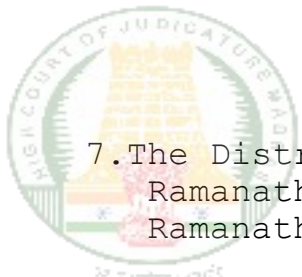
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- 1.T.Thanasekaran
- 2.K.Muniswari
- 3.E.Lakshmi
- 4.M.A.Murugan
- 5.Santhanammal

....Petitioners

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu  
Represented by its Chief Secretary/Chairperson  
Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve Trust  
(GOMBRT)  
Secretariat  
Chennai 600 009
- 2.The State of Tamil Nadu  
Represented by its Secretary  
Department of Environment and Forest  
Fort.St.George  
Secretariat  
Chennai 600 009
- 3.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest  
(Head of the Department)/Chief Wildlife Warden  
No.1, Jennis Road, Panagal Maligai  
Saidapet  
Chennai 600 015
- 4.Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve Trust  
(GOMBRT)  
Represented by its Trust Director/Wild Life Warden  
Ramanathapuram  
Ramanathapuram District
- 5.Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest  
Southern Region  
Madurai 625 002
- 6.The Conservator of Forests  
Virudhunagar District  
Virudhunagar



7.The District Collector  
Ramanathapuram District  
Ramanathapuram

8.The District Collector  
Tuticorin District  
Tuticorin

....Respondents

**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to absorb and regularize the services of the petitioners working under the control of 4<sup>th</sup> respondent in the cadre of forest watchers in time scale of pay from the date of appointment and to give all attendant benefits by considering the petitioner's association presidents' representation, dated 17.10.2018 within a time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Kannan

For Respondents :Mr.C.M.Mari Chellaiah Prabhu  
Additional Government Pleader

### **ORDER**

This Writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents herein to absorb and regularize the services of the petitioners, who are working under the control of 4<sup>th</sup> respondent in the cadre of forest watchers in time scale of pay from the date of appointment and to give all attendant benefits.

2.Mr.C.M.Mari Chellaiah Prabhu, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for the respondents. By consent of both parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3.According to the petitioners, they are working as Field Project Workers for more than 10 years. They have given representation through their Association to the third respondent, dated 14.09.2018 and another representation dated 17.10.2018, to provide equal treatment on par with the Plot Watchers, who have been regularized after completion of 10 years of service. The fourth respondent recommended the request of the petitioners to the sixth respondent, vide letter No.Na.Ka.2385/2017/MEO, dated 22.11.2018. Now, the grievance of the petitioners is that the fourth respondent is making arrangement to engage private organization and compelling



the petitioners to work under the private organization and the second respondent is also recruiting Forest Guard and for other entry level posts from open competition. Hence, the petitioners have come out with the present writ petition.

4. Considering the averments made in the affidavit and the nature of relief sought for in the writ petition, without deciding the issue on merits, the respondents are directed to consider the representation of the petitioners, dated 17.10.2018 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

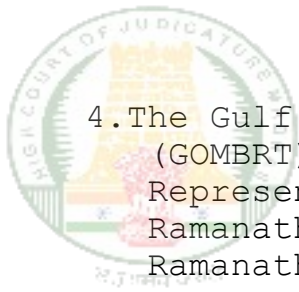
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+1 CC to M/s.A.KANNAN, Advocate ( SR-89918[F] dated 27/09/2019 )

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