

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.11.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE P.VELMURUGAN

W.P.No. 17244 of 2007
(O.A.No. 2362 of 2003)

S.Karuppiah

...Petitioner

Versus

The Personal Assistant (General)
to the Collector,
Pudukottai,
Pudukottai District.

...Respondent

PRAYER: Originally this petitions have been filed as Original Application Nos.2362 of 2003 before the TamilNadu Administrative Tribunal at Chennai and after abolition of TNAT, petitions have been transferred and numbered as W.P.No.17244 of 2007 respectively.

Writ petitions are filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned order of the respondent in Na.Ka.A3/13052/2002 dated 02.06.2003 and quash the same and direct the respondent to reinstate the Applicant in service with all attendant benefits.

For Petitioner : No appearance

For Respondent : Mr.K.Magesh
Special Government Pleader

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The case of the petitioner is that he was initially appointed as Record Clerk on 18.11.1990. Subsequently, the petitioner was promoted as Junior Assistant in the year 1997 based on the SSLC passed certificate produced by the petitioner and the same was sent to the appropriate authority viz., Department of Public Examination. The respondent received report from the Department and found that the certificate issued by the petitioner was bogus. Therefore, the petitioner was reverted

back from the post of Junior Assistant to the post of Record Clerk by an order dated 14.03.2002 in Na.Ka.1893-2002. Thereafter a charge memo was issued to the petitioner on 20.03.2020. Subsequently, an enquiry officer was appointed and after the enquiry, totally three charges were framed and enquiry report was filed on 18.02.2003. Subsequently, the respondent passed an order of removal from service vide proceedings in Na.Ka.A3/13052/2002 dated 02.06.2003. Challenging the said order, the petitioner filed an Original Application before the TamilNadu Administrative Tribunal at Chennai and after abolition of TNAT, petition has been transferred and renumbered as W.P.No.17244 of 2007.

2.This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the order passed by the respondent in Na.Ka.A3/13052/2002 dated 02.06.2003 and seeks to quash the same and to direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service with all attendant benefits.

3. Today, when the matter is taken up for hearing, there is no representation for the petitioner despite sufficient opportunity given.

4. Heard, the learned Special Government Pleader and perused the materials available on record.

5. Admittedly, the petitioner was initially appointed as Record Clerk on 18.11.1990. Subsequently, he was promoted as Junior Assistant in the year 1997 based on the SSLC passed certificate produced by the petitioner. Thereafter, the said certificate was sent to the appropriate authority viz., Department of Public Examination for verification. The respondent received report from the Department found that the certificate issued by the petitioner was bogus. Therefore, the petitioner was reverted back from the post of Junior assistant to the post of Record Clerk by an order dated 14.03.2002 in Na.Ka.1893-2002. Thereafter a charge memo was issued to the petitioner on 20.03.2020. Subsequently, an enquiry officer was appointed and after the enquiry, an enquiry report was filed on 18.02.2003 and all the charges levelled against the petitioner were proved. Subsequently, the respondent passed an order of removal from service vide proceedings in Na.Ka.A3/13052/2002 dated 02.06.2003.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and a careful perusal of the records, this Court is of the view that the petitioner committed serious misconduct by producing bogus

certificate for promotion. Hence, this court is of the considered view that the punishment imposed was not shockingly disproportionate and this court does not find any merits in the Writ Petition and this Writ Petition is liable to be dismissed. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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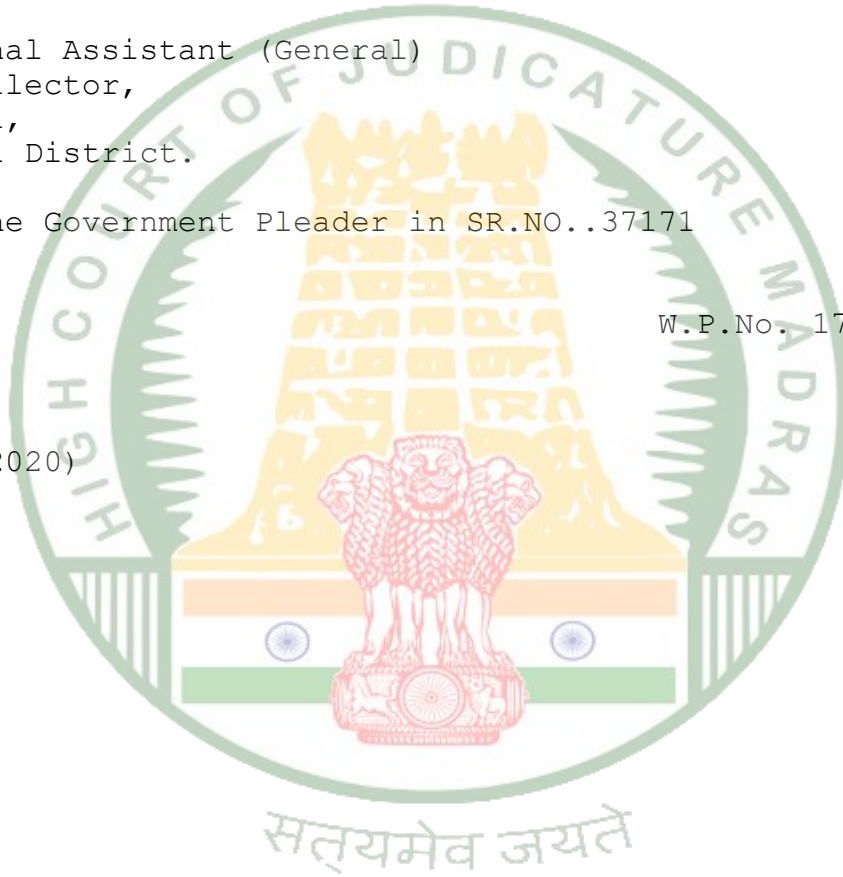
Sub Assistant Registrar

To
The Personal Assistant (General)
to the Collector,
Pudukottai,
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