



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS
DATED : 13.12.2021
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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.D. AUDIKESAVALU

W.P. No. 24156 of 2010
and
M.P. No. 2 of 2010

K.Ravichandran

... Petitioner

-vs-

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Environment & Forests Department,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Buildings,
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Chairman,
Departmental Selection Board and Chief Conservator of
Forests (P&V),
O/o. the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Buildings,
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the Third Respondent in connection with the impugned Notification in Ref.No. B2/33489/2009 dated 11.02.2010 and quash the same and issue consequential direction to the Respondents to depute the Petitioner to the Rangers Course in Forest Academy and to recruit him as Forest Ranger with retrospective effect from the date on which 1996 Selectees' have been appointed as Forest Ranger with all consequential service within a limited time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr. M.Ravi

For Respondents: Mr. K.H.Ravikumar,
Government Advocate (Forest)

O R D E R

The Writ Petition challenges the Notification in Ref. No. B2/33489/2009 dated 11.02.2010 issued by the Third Respondent and to consequently direct the Respondents to depute the Petitioner to the Rangers Course in Forest College and to recruit him as Forest Ranger with retrospective effect from the date on which 1996 selectees have been appointed as Forest Ranger with all consequential service within a limited time



2. Learned Government Advocate appearing for the Respondents, on instructions, states that the Petitioner belongs to BC category and he had to obtain 35% of marks in each subject, but he had secured only 24%, 34% and 30% marks in English, Maths-I and Maths-II subjects respectively, which led to his non-selection for the Rangers Course. Further, the age limit for BC category to which the Petitioner belongs is 35 years, but on 01.04.2010, the age of the Petitioner was 46 years. In such circumstances, he was not entitled for the selection of Rangers Course. However, it has been pointed out that the Petitioner, who was initially appointed as Forester in the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service was transferred to the Tamil Nadu Forest Subordinate Service as Forester on 02.07.1999 and by virtue of his seniority position in the cadre of Forester, he was promoted to the post of Forest Range Officer and has joined duty in that post on 09.02.2011 and he has been subsequently granted further promotion to the post of Assistant Conservator of Forests on 14.07.2017 in the Tamil Nadu State Forest Service and he is still working in Forest Department.

3. In view of the aforesaid submissions made, which deserve acceptance, no further orders are required in this Writ Petition, except to make it clear that if the Petitioner has any other grievance to be redressed in the matter, he is not precluded from working out his rights before the proper forum in the manner recognized by law.

In the result, the Writ Petition is dismissed with the aforesaid clarifications. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS V)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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