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Cont.P.No.827 of 2021

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.09.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE P.D.AUDIKESSAVALU

Contempt Petition No.827 of 2021

C.E.Thanigai Mani,

Ex. Trustee of Kabaleeswarar Temple,

West Mambalam, Chennai 600 033

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.Dr.Prabhakaran, IAS

Commissioner (upto 23.04.2021)

Hindu Religious and Charitable

Endowments Department, No.119

Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam

Chennai-34.

2.J.Kumaragurubaran, IAS

Commissioner (from 15.05.2021)

Hindu Religious and Charitable

Endowments Department, No.119

Mahatma Gandhi Road, Nungambakkam

Chennai-34.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act against the wilful disobedience of the order dated 16.02.2021 made in W.P.No.3550 of 2021

For the Petitioner : Ms.J.Amritha Sarayoo

For the Respondents : Mr.C.Harsharaj
Counsel for State

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ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by The Hon'ble Chief Justice)

A compliance report has been filed by the Commissioner of the HR &CE Department. Such report, dated September 8, 2021 reveals that the previous order of this Court dated February 16, 2021 permitted the petitioner to carry a representation to the Commissioner for the Commissioner to deal with the same by a written reply within eight weeks of the date of receipt of the representation. The Commissioner claims that one Tmt.Ramana Saraswathi, who was the Additional Commissioner (Admin) at the relevant time conducted an inquiry and an explanation had been called from Joint Commissioner Tmt.T.Kaveri. The written explanation has been received on or about August 26, 2021.

2. The Commissioner has also disclosed that proceedings have been instituted against the Joint Commissioner and a copy of the memorandum of charges has also been filed.

3. In the circumstances, there appears to be substantial compliance with the order dated February 16, 2021. However, it is imperative that the disciplinary proceedings be brought to a logical end within reasonable time and appropriate action be taken, if necessary.



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4. Contempt Petition No.827 of 2021 is disposed of. The second

respondent is directed to ensure that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against Tmt.Kaveri are brought to a logical end within reasonable time and preferably, by the end of this calendar year. There should be no impression given or discernible to suggest that the department has dealt with the concerned official lightly or has not conducted the disciplinary action with due diligence. There will be no order as to costs.

SD/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(COMM.CASES)

sra/kst

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Dated at Madras this the day of 2021.

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To

1.The Commissioner (upto 23.04.2021)
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2.The Commissioner (from 15.05.2021)
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