



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. S. RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.1499 of 2021

V.Ramanathan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary to Government,
Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.

2.The Commissioner of Social Welfare,
Panagal Building 2nd Floor,
Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.

3.The Principal Secretary and
Commissioner of Treasuries and Accounts,
Anna Salai, Nandanam,
Chennai-600 015.

4.The Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Madurai Region,
Madurai-625 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first and second respondents i.e., the Secretary to Government, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department, Chennai and the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Chennai, to pass appropriate orders on the petitioner's representation dated 11.11.2020 based on the intimation given to the petitioner in letter No.23756/AD2(3)/2020 dated 22.12.2020 of the Commissioner of Social Welfare, Chennai and the proposals sent by the Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Madurai Region, Madurai, in his letter No.4533/A1/2019 dated 13.09.2019 within a specified time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Visvalingam

For Respondents : Ms.V.P.M.Vaishnavi
Government Advocate

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By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.



2. Since the petitioner's request to the respondents to fix his pay on par with his junior Thiru. R.Narasimman was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this regard on 11.11.2020, which is still pending.

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3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4. In the light of the above observations, it would be appropriate to direct the third respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.11.2020, within a stipulated time and thereby the ends of justice could be secured. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. Accordingly, there shall be a direction to the third respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.11.2020, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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<https://hcservices.ecourts.gov.in/hcservices/> Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department,



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+1 CC to Mr.S.VISVALINGAM, Advocate (SR-2653[F] dated 01/02/2021)

+1 CC to GP (SR-2803[F] dated 02/02/2021)

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