



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 08.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.2134 of 2021

B.Karthikeyan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Building,
Chennai-15.

2.The District Collector,
Theni District,
Theni.

3.The District Forest Office,
Theni Forest Division,
K.R.R.Nagar, Theni,
Theni District.

4.The Divisional Forest Officer,
Varusanadu Soil Conservation Division,
K.R.R.Nagar, Theni,
Theni District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents herein to appoint the petitioner in any suitable post by considering his educational qualification under compassionate grounds on account of the death of his father namely C.Bose by considering his applications dated 15.07.2012, 14.07.2014 and 14.09.2015 within the time stipulated by this Court and for other reliefs.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Lawrance

For Respondents : Mr.A.Muthukaruppan
Additional Government Pleader

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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 appoint him in any suitable post by considering his educational qualification under compassionate grounds on account of the death of his father, namely, C.Bose, was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a



representation in this regard on 15.07.2012, which is still pending.

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 first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 15.07.2012, 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 first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 15.07.2012, in accordance with the guidelines issued in G.O(MS) No.18, Labour and Employment (Q1) Department, dated 23.01.2020, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of three months 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 (CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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+1 CC to Mr.J.LAWRANCE, Advocate (SR-3951[F] dated 09/02/2021)

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