



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 11.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.(MD) No.2582 of 2021

S.Ramaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.

2. The Block Development Officer,
(Village Panchayat),
Vembakottai,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to transfer the petitioner as a Panchayat Secretary from Valayapatti Panchayat, Vembakottai Taluk to his own native Village, Thayilpatti Panchayat, Virudhunagar District, on the basis of the petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2020, within a stipulated time to be fixed by this Court.

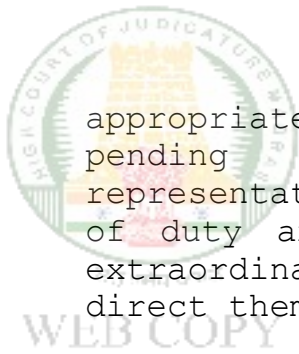
For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gohul
For Respondents : Mrs.J.Padmavathi Devi for R1
Special Government Pleader
Mr.M.Murugan for R2
Government Advocate

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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 transfer the petitioner as a Panchayat Secretary from Valayapatti Panchayat, Vembakottai Taluk to his own native Village, Thayilpatti Panchayat, Virudhunagar District, was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this regard on 25.06.2020, 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 second respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2020, 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 second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.06.2020, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of four 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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2. The Block Development Officer,
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+1 CC TO SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER (SR-4983[F] dated 15/02/2021)

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