



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.3320 of 2021

G.Suganthi Darling

...Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Principal Secretary,
School Education Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Director,
Directorate of School Education,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 006.
- 3.The Joint Director,
Directorate of School Education,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai - 600 006.
- 4.The District Educational Officer,
Ramanathapuram Educational District,
Ramanathapuram.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the third respondent to consider the transfer of the petitioner from Government High School, Valinokkam, Ramanathapuram to any Government High School under the control of the District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli on medical ground, based on the petitioner's representation, dated 03.02.2021, within the period stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.Ananth C.Rajesh
For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiyagarajan
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 consider the transfer of the petitioner from Government High School, Valinokkam, Ramanathapuram to any Government High School under the control of the District Educational Officer, Tirunelveli on medical ground, was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this



regard on 03.02.2021, 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 third respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 03.02.2021, 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 03.02.2021, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of one week 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/-

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To

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Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006.

4.The District Educational Officer, Ramanathapuram Educational
District, Ramanathapuram.

+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-6463[F] dated 22/02/2021)

+1 CC to M/s.ANANTH.C.RAJESH, Advocate (SR-6570[F] dated 22/02/2021
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