



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 24.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. S. RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.3531 of 2021

K.Senthil Vel

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Director of School Education,
DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai.

2.The Joint Director of Higher Secondary Education,
DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai.

3.The Chief Educational Officer,
Chief Educational Office,
Ramanathapuram 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 consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.01.2021 in the light of clarification issued by the Government in Letter No.15157/S1/2020-1 dated 12.09.2020 and pass appropriate orders for the petitioner's transfer from the present station to any of the Higher Secondary School in Madurai District as mentioned in the petitioner's representation.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Nallathambi

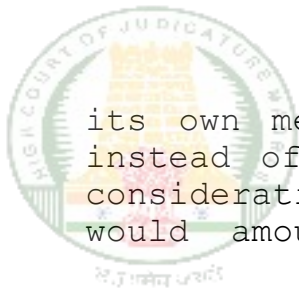
For Respondents : Mr.N.Shanmugaselvam
Additional Government Pleader

O R D E R

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 him from the present station to any of the Higher Secondary School in Madurai District was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this regard on 13.01.2021, 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 first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.01.2021, 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 first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.01.2021, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight 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 (AD II)

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To

1. The Director of School Education,
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Chennai.

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3.The Chief Educational Officer,
Chief Educational Office,
Ramanathapuram District.

+1 CC to M/s.D.NALLATHAMBI, Advocate (SR-7348[F] dated 25/02/2021)

+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-7275[F] dated 25/02/2021)

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