



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 16.03.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.5824 of 2021

P.Nagoor Meeran

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu

represented by its Additional Chief Secretary,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
St. George Fort,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Secretary,

Personnel and Administrative Reforms (S) Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu, St. George Fort,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.

3.The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Commissionerate of Revenue Administration,
Ezhilagam, Chapauk, Chennai - 600 005.

4.The District Collector,
District Collectorate,

Nagercoil, Kanniyakumari - 629 001.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner as a VAO as per G.O.(Ms.) No.70 of 2019, dated 25.02.2019, in accordance with law and within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Alagumani

For Respondents : Mr.P.Mahendran
Additional Government Pleader

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Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

2.The petitioner herein is a retired Village Administrative Officer. By placing reliance on G.O.(Ms.) No.70 of 2019, dated 25.02.2019, he seeks for a direction for issuance of Writ of Mandamus to the respondents for appointing him to the post of Village Administrative Officer.



3.The guidelines for appointing 1000 numbers of retired Village Administrative Officer in the Districts on consolidated pay, has been stipulated under the aforesaid Government order and in case, the District Collectors are of the view that such retired Village Administrative Officers are required to be appointed, the procedure to be adopted could be as per the norms prescribed under the G.O. (Ms.) No.70 of 2019, dated 25.02.2019. Merely, because the petitioner herein is a retired Village Administrative Officer, there cannot be a preferential treatment to him.

4.However, if the petitioner is of the view that he meets the requirements under G.O.(Ms.) No.70 of 2019, dated 25.02.2019, it will be open to him to participate in the selection, if called for by the concerned District Collectors. As such, the prayer sought for in the present writ petition cannot be considered.

5.Hence, the writ petition stands dismissed. No costs.

Sd/-

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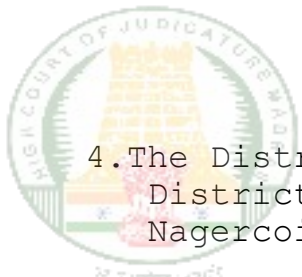
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+1 CC to M/s.R.ALAGUMANI, Advocate (SR-11727[F] dated 17/03/2021)

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