



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 08.11.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.V.KARTHIKEYAN

W.P(MD)No.19494 of 2021

M.S.Subramanian

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu,
Law (Administration) Department,
St.George Fort,
Chennai-600 009.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to extend the period of the 'Certificate of Practice of the Notary', by considering the petitioner's online application in APP/REN/MDU0708/00033, dated 07.08.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Solaisamy
For Respondent : Mr.D.Gandhiraj,
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

This petition has been filed in the nature of Mandamus seeking extension of time to give the Certificate of Practice of notary by the respondent by considering a representation given by the petitioner on 07.08.2021 through proper process.

2. The petitioner herein has been a member of the Bar and has been a notary from the year 1992 in Madurai city. He has been renewing the application continuously for the past 29 years. Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, he was not able to renew the application. The respondent has also sent a letter and thereafter refused to extend the period of the petitioner herein. The respondent has not countenanced the fact that even the Hon'ble Supreme Court has been extending the period of limitation extent as fixed by various statutes during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is only a procedure envisaged. Therefore, time is granted till 03.12.2021 to the petitioner to comply with the necessary requirements. With such observations, the Writ Petition itself stands allowed.



3. This Writ Petition is allowed. There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

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+1 CC to M/s.M. SOLAISAMY, Advocate (SR-34029[F] dated 10/11/2021)

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