

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.02.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.VAIDYANATHAN
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

Cont.P.Nos.100 to 104 of 2021
in W.A.Nos.2850, 2851, 2854, 2856 & 2858 of 2019

1. Mrs.M.Pachammal,
Nagampatty Village,
Madanahalli Post,
Krishnagiri District

... Petitioner/Appellant/Petitioner in W.A.No.2850/2019

2. Mrs.S.Santha ,
No.2/183-A, Nadakottai Village,
Madanahalli Post,
Krishnagiri District

... Petitioner/Appellant/Petitioner in W.A.No.2851/2019

3. Mrs.D.Kavitha,
Peynur Ventakasamuthiram Post,
Krishnagiri District

... Petitioner/Appellant/Petitioner in W.A.No.2854/2019

5. Mrs.Saritha,
Palethottam Post,
Poochampalli Taluk

... Petitioner/Appellant/Petitioner in W.A.No.2856/2019

4. Mrs.R.Valliammal,
Sinthagampalli Village,
Maharaja Kadai Post,
Krishnagiri District

... Petitioner/Appellant/Petitioner in W.A.No.2858/2019

-vs-

1. S.Madhumathi, I.A.S.,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.
2. Mr.V.Jaya Chandra Bany Reddy, I.A.S.,
The District Collector,
Krishnagiri District. ... Respondents/Respondents/Respondents

Common Prayer: Contempt Petitions are filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act to punish the Respondents for disobedience of the judgment dated 27.08.2020 passed in W.A.Nos.2850, 2851, 2854, 2856 & 2858 of 2019 on the file of this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.C.Mahendran
in all the petitions
For Respondents : Mr.U.M.Ravichandran
in all the petitions Spl.Govt.Pleader

COMMON JUDGMENT

These Contempt Petitions have been filed to punish the Respondents for disobedience of the judgment dated 27.08.2020 passed by this Court in W.A.Nos.2850, 2851, 2854, 2856 & 2858 of 2019.

2. When these matters are taken up for hearing, it is represented by the learned Special Government Pleader, appearing for the respondents that by proceedings dated 10.02.2021, the request of the petitioners to amend the age criterion in G.O.(Ms) No.163, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department dated 18.08.2020, has been rejected and therefore, the order of this Court has been duly complied with.

3. It was brought to the attention of this Court by the learned counsel for the Petitioners that the proceedings dated 10.02.2021 has been put to challenge before this Court in W.P.No.23120 of 2021, in which there was a positive direction issued on 28.10.2021 and the direction issued therein has not been complied with till now.

4. We are of the view that since the respondents have passed an order, there is no contempt made out, insofar the present Contempt Petitions are concerned. Hence, these ***Contempt Petitions are closed***. However, in case of disobedience of the orders of this Court dated 28.10.2021 passed in W.P.No.23120 of 2021, it is open to the petitioners to file a separate contempt petition or take such other steps in the manner known to law. The powers of this Court under Article 215 of the Constitution of India cannot be curtailed by the powers under Section 20 of the Contempt of Courts Act. No costs.

SD/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(COMM.CASES)

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Dated at Madras this the day of 2022.

COURT OFFICER(O.S.)

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1. The Secretary to Government,
Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.
2. The District Collector,
Krishnagiri District.