

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : **23.02.2022**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **DR.JUSTICE ANITA SUMANTH**

W.P.No.3547 of 2022

K.Dhanabakkiam @ Bakkiam

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by Principal Secretary to Government,
Social Welfare and Women's Right Department,
Secretariat, Chennai-9.
- 2.The Director of Social Welfare,
Chennai-600 015.
- 3.The District Collector,
Erode, Erode District.
- 4.The Superintendent of Police,
Erode, Erode District.
- 5.K.Balakrishnan

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the third respondent to consider the representation dated 21.06.2021 and 01.11.2021 and initiate action under the Tamil Nadu Parents and Senior Citizens Maintenance and Welfare Act, 2007, in the light of Govt. Letter No.219/SW6(1)/2022-1 dated 07.01.2022 and pass orders on merits in accordance with law within a limited time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Punniakoti
For Respondents : Mr.TNC.Kaushik,
Additional Government Pleader
[For R1 to R4]

ORDER

Mr.TNC.Kaushik, learned Additional Government Pleader accepts notice for R1 to R4 and is armed with instructions to proceed with the matter finally. Hence, by consent of both learned Counsel, this Writ Petition is disposed finally even at the stage of admission.

2. The petitioner, a senior citizen, questions the undue delay in disposal of application under the Tamil Nadu Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007 (in short 'Act') pointing out her representation is dated 21.06.2021 and there has been no action taken by the respondents in that regard till date.

3. Mr.Kaushik, points out that the application has been erroneously filed before the District Collector and not before the Revenue Divisional Officer, before whom it ought to have been filed. Hence the delay, he states.

4. Without reference to the aforesaid rival contentions and since the object of the Act is to ensure speedy redressal of the grievance of senior citizens, a direction is issued to the concerned Revenue Divisional Officer, who is not arrayed as party to this Writ Petition, but to whom this order shall be conveyed by learned Additional Government Pleader, to hear the petitioner as well as any other parties, who may be thought necessary and dispose the application of the petitioner dated 21.06.2021 within a period of six (6) weeks from today.

4. The Writ Petition is disposed in the aforesaid terms. No costs.

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Internet: Yes / No

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Speaking Order / Non-Speaking Order

To

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