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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.01.2022

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**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R. MAHADEVAN**

**AND**

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ**

Contempt Petition No.3126 of 2016

and

Sub application Nos.699 of 2016, 101 of 2017 & 456 of 2020

1. M.Parameswaran
2. C.Palani
3. B. Devendrapoopathy
4. V. Radha
5. K.Latha
6. S.M. Saraswathi
7. D.Ramadevi

.. Petitioners

Versus

1. Dr.C.Chandramouli  
Secretary to Tamil Nadu  
Government Commercial Taxes and  
Registration Department  
Secretariat, Fort St.George  
Chennai – 600 009.

2. Dr. C.Chandramouli  
Principal Secretary &  
Commissioner of Commercial Taxes  
Ezhilagam, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Chepauk  
Chennai – 600 005.

.. Respondents



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For Petitioners : Mr.M.Ravi

For Respondents : Mr.N.R. Arun Natarajan  
Special Government Pleader

**ORDER**

(Order of the Court was made by **R. MAHADEVAN, J.**)

When the Contempt Petition was taken up for consideration, the learned counsel for the petitioners drew the attention of this court to the affidavit filed by the fifth petitioner on 17.08.2021, wherein, it is stated that the fourth respondent viz., Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Chennai, vide CCT Letter No.CP3/11716/2018 dated 21.12.2020, invited objections to the provisional inter-se seniority list of Assistant Commissioner (CT) drawn vide G.O.Ms.No.185, CT & Regn (E1) Department, dated 16/12/2020 and this petitioner has also given a detailed representation. It is also stated therein that the fourth respondent in his counter affidavit dated 18.03.2021, stated that the objections on the basis of violations of four principles / parameters confirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, if any, will be duly considered and the petitioners are willing to await the outcome of the same and not to press the contempt of court proceedings against respondents. Further, the fifth petitioner extracted the paragraph 8 of the counter affidavit filed by the fourth respondent, which reads as under:

*...8. This is precisely the essence of the four principles  
enunciated by this Hon'ble High Court and has now suo-motu been*



*acted upon by the fourth respondent by revising the inter-se seniority lists in the cadre of Assistant Commissioners from the year 1984 onwards and orders to this effect have also been issued by the third respondent by giving wide publicity to the proposals by inviting objections...*

*It is further submitted that the respondents have received some objection to the recently published seniority lists of Assistant Commissioners, which are currently under examination, and discrepancies, if any that come to notice will be rectified, including taking necessary action to review the lists further”*

Placing reliance on the same, the learned counsel submitted that nothing survives for adjudication in this contempt petition.

2. Recording the above, this Contempt Petition stands closed. Consequently, connected sub application are also closed.

SD/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR (COMM.CASES)

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Dated at Madras this the      day of      2022.

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1. The Secretary,  
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