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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.06.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.No.13531 of 2022

K.Latha ... Petitioner
Vs.

1. The Director of Collegiate Education,
College Road,
Chennai - 600 006.
2. The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Chennai Region, Chennai - 600 015.
3. The Secretary,
Meenakshi College for women,
Chennai - 600 024. ... Respondents

PRAYER: This Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue Writ of Mandamus to direct the third respondent herein to promote the petitioner from Lab Assistant to Junior Assistant by considering the representation given by the petitioner dated 07.01.2022.

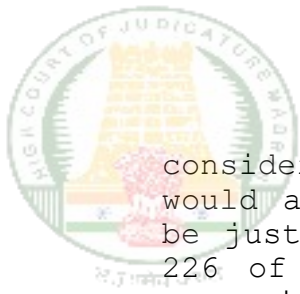
For Petitioner : Mr.E.Martin Jaya Kumar
For Respondents : Mr.E.Veda Bagath Singh
Special Government Pleader
For R1 to R2

ORDER

By consent of both the parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal.

2.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents on 07.01.2022 seeking for promotion to the post of Junior Assistant. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-



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consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 07.01.2022 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Vacation Officer

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Director of Collegiate Education,
College Road,
Chennai - 600 006.
2. The Regional Joint Director Collegiate Education,
Chennai Region, Chennai - 600 015.

W.P.No.13530 of 2022

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