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W.P.No.29945 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10.11.2022

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

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- 1.R. Ganesan
- 2.C. Kaliyamurthy
- 3.K.Muthusamy
- 4.G.Rajavelu
- 5.R. Manogaran
- 6.N.Samikannu
- 7.P.Chidambaram
- 8.V. Jayaraman
- 9.M.Natarajan
- 10.M.Thandavarayan
- 11.C.Soundarrajan

... Petitioners

versus

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
represented by its Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forest Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Panagal Building, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.

... Respondents

Prayer:-Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying this Court to issue a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to appoint us in the cadre post of Forest Watcher by giving the benefit of relaxation of height rule with effect from the date of our junior's appointment in the post of Forest Watcher on 24.01.1995 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 27.11.2021 in the light of the order passed in W.P. No.9708 of 2014 dated



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12.09.2014, W.A.No.1703 of 2014 dated 20.01.2015, SLP (Civil) No.12056 of 2015 dated 05.07.2016, W.P. No.15474 of 2021 dated 27.07.2021, G.O.(2D)No.48, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.2-II) Department dated 07.04.2022, G.O.(2D)No.58, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.2-II) Department dated 20.04.2022 and G.O(2D)No.89, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.2-II) Department dated 24.06.2022 with all consequential benefits.

For Petitioners : Ms.K.Jenitha

For Respondents : Mr.S.J. Mohammed Sathik,
Government Advocate

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus seeking for a direction to the respondents to appoint the petitioners in the cadre post of Forest Watchers by giving the benefit of relaxation of height rule with effect from the date of their juniors appointment in the post of Forest Watchers on 24.01.1995 based on the petitioners' representations dated 27.11.2021.

2. Heard Ms.K.Jenitha, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr.S.J.Mohammed Sathik, learned Government Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

3. By consent of both the parties, the main writ petition has been taken up for final disposal.

4. The petitioners also relies upon the order passed by this Court in WP No.9708 of 2014 dated 12.09.2014, W.A.No.1703 of 2014 dated



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5. No prejudice would be caused to the respondents if the petitioners representations are considered on merits and in accordance with law within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

6. For the foregoing reasons, this Court directs the first respondent to pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law on the petitioners' representations dated 27.11.2021, seeking for their appointment in the cadre post of Forest Watchers by giving the benefit of relaxation of height rule with effect from the date of their juniors appointment in the post of Forest Watchers on 24.01.1995 within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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7. With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No

costs.

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Speaking Order/Non-Speaking Order

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