



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 20.06.2022

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD)No.12501 of 2022

Sivjothi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Secretary to Government,
The Revenue and Disaster Management (Service Wing),
Fort St.George,
Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Principal Secretary,
The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai - 600 005.

3. The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 28.04.2022 within a stipulated time.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Aravind Raj

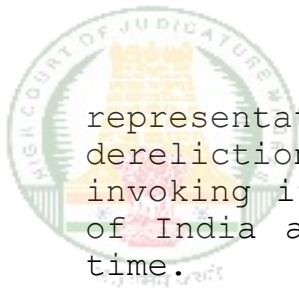
For Respondents : Mr.R.Ragavendran
Government Advocate

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 28.04.2022 seeking for appointment to the post of Deputy Collector. 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-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.

WEB COPY

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 28.04.2022 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks 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/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-II)

// True Copy //

/06/2022

Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

vji

To

1. The Secretary to Government,
The Revenue and Disaster Management (Service Wing),
Fort St.George,
Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Principal Secretary,
The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai - 600 005.

3. The District Collector,
Virudhunagar District.

+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP (SR-27077[F] dated 21/06/2022)

+1 CC to M/s.G. SURESH, Advocate (SR-27526[F] dated 22/06/2022)

W.P. (MD)No.12501 of 2022

20.06.2022

RD(29.06.2022) 2P 6C