



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.06.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

W.P. (MD) .No.13045 of 2022

M.P.Ilango

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Additional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Madurai Circle No.2,
Race Course Road,
Madurai.

2.The District Forest Officer,
Office of the District Forest Office,
Bangalmedu,
Theni District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to hand over the petitioner's Service Register to him within the time stipulated by this Court on the basis of petitioner's representation dated 04.10.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.C.Jeganathan

For Respondents : Mr.P.Thilak Kumar,
Government Pleader.

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 second respondent on 04.10.2021 seeking for issuance of the Service Register. 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.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the second respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 04.10.2021 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of two (2) 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 (T & P)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL.GP (SR-27963[F] dated 24/06/2022)

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