



WP(MD)No.19661 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 25.08.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH**

W.P.(MD)No.19661 of 2022

B.Jawahar Isaac Raj

... Petitioner

/vs./

1.The Joint Director (Vocational) of
School Education, College Road,
Chennai-06.

2.The District Educational Officer,
O/o District Educational Office,
Dindigul District.

3.The Correspondent,
Dudley Higher Secondary School,
Dindigul District 624 001.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to change the petitioner's name in the service register/pension book bearing No.P24/12412304/2/PPo No.R2412304/EDA, dated 25.06.2015 as Sankar.B instead of B.Jawahar Isaac Raj as per the Gazette notification dated 23.07.1997 based on the petitioner's representation dated 08.08.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Saravanan
For Respondents : Mr.V.Nirmal Kumar (for R1 & R2)
Government Advocate



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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 08.08.2022 seeking to change the name of the petitioner in the service register and pension book. 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.



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4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents herein to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 08.08.2022 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of four(4) 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.

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