



W.P(MD)No.20241 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 29.08.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

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V.Karuppu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The District Collector,
Madurai District,
Madurai.

2.The Block Development Officer,
Village Panchayat,
Kottampatti Panchayat Union,
Kottampatti, Madurai.

3.The Public Information Officer /
Deputy Block Development Officer (Panchayat)
Kottampatti Panchayat Union,
Madurai.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned proceedings issued by the 1st respondent in Na.Ka.No.41743/2020/Uu.va9-1 dated 24.02.2021 and quash the same and directing the 1st respondent to take necessary action as against the 3rd respondent.



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For Petitioner : Mr.N.Mariappan
For R1 : Mr.M.Sarangan
Additional Government Pleader
For R2 & R3 : Mr.D.Gandhiraj
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The petitioner had applied under the provisions of RTI Act. The concerned public information officer had given an incorrect reply. This was brought to the notice of the first respondent by the petitioner. The first respondent found merit in the petitioner's contention. He pulled up the officer concerned and also issued warning. The grievance of the petitioner is that the first respondent should have gone further and taken severe action against the concerned officer. With this prayer, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. In a case of this nature, it is for the superior officer concerned to decide on the quantum of punishment to be imposed on the erring officials. The District Collector thought it fit to issue warning and close the matter. I do not find this approach to be perverse. I decline to interfere in the matter.

4. The Writ Petition is dismissed. No costs.

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