



W.P.No.2638 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.06.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

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P. Yoganandham

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary to Government of Tamilnadu,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
St. George Fort,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Director,
Tamilnadu Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Panagal Maligai,
Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015.

3.The District Collector,
Coimbatore District,
Coimbatore.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's appeal petition dated 15.09.2021 within a period of a time frame as fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.P.S. Sivashanmugasundaram

For Respondents : Mr.P. Baladhandayutham,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The limited prayer sought for in this Writ Petition is for a direction to the first respondent herein, to consider the appeal petition preferred by the petitioner dated 15.09.2021, within a stipulated time.

2. It is needless to point out that whenever a statutory appeal is preferred before the Appellate Authority, there is a duty cast on them to dispose of the appeal expeditiously. Non-compliance of such a responsibility would amount to dereliction of duties and this Court would be justified in directing the authority to dispose of the appeal within a stipulated time, in exercise of its powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India.

3. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein, to dispose of the petitioner's appeal



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petition dated 15.09.2021, if not already disposed of, on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a period of three (3) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Speaking/Non-speaking Order

Index: Yes/No

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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