



W.P.No.6922 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.03.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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V.Subramani

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Mettur Division,
Salem District.

2. The Tahsildar,
Taluk Office,
Mettur, Salem District.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent herein to dispose of the petitioner's appeal dated 18.01.2021 by fixing the time limit as per the petitioner's representation dated 14.12.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Thamizhavel

For Respondents : Mr.V.Veluchamy
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER



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2. The limited prayer sought for in this Writ Petition is for a direction to the first respondent herein to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner dated 18.01.2021, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 14.12.2022. within a stipulated time.

3. 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.

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



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dated 18.01.2021, if not already disposed of, on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

No costs.

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Index:Yes/No

Neutral Citation:Yes/No

Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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