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W.P.No.6850 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.03.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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B.Mahalakshmi

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Secretary to Government,
Commercial Taxes and Registration Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 9.

2.The Commissioner of Commercial Taxes,
Ezhilagam, Chepauk,
Chennai – 05.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner promotion on par with her junior by considering the representation dated 21.03.2022 within reasonable time with interest.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sivakumar

For Respondents : M/s.K.Vasanthamala
Additional Government Pleader



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ORDER

With the consent of both parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner herein had given a representation to the first respondent on 21.03.2022 seeking to consider her claim for inclusion of her name in the panel of promotion on par with her juniors. 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 first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 21.03.2022, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of four 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 respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

5. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands ordered. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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M.S.RAMESH,J.

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