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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.10.2023

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

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K.Loganathan

.. Petitioner

vs.

1.Thiru. Pradeep Yadav, I.A.S.,
The Principal Secretary to Govt.,
Highways and Minor Ports (HL-1) Dept,
Secretariat. Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009.

2.Thiru.B.R.Kumar,
The Director General,
Highways Department, Guindy,
Chennai-600 025.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Contempt Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, praying to punish the respondents for wilful disobedience of the order passed in W.P.No.20061 of 2022 dated 11.08.2022.

For Petitioner : M/s.Malarvizhi Udayakumar
For Respondents : Mr.S.Silambanan,
Additional Advocate General

ORDER

The petitioner, alleging non-compliance of the order passed by this Court dated 11.08.2022 in W.P.No.20061 of 2022, has filed the present contempt petition.



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2. In compliance of the statutory notice issued by this Court on 08.09.2023, the respondents / contemnors are present before this Court.

3. The second respondent has filed an affidavit today before this Court stating that one Tmt.R.Geetha, Chief Engineer, National Highways has been appointed as Inquiry Officer to conduct and complete the departmental disciplinary proceedings against Thiru.P.Viswanathan, formerly Divisional Engineer (NH), Salem (Retd.) and 19 others vide G.O.(Rt.)No.164, Highways and Minor Ports (HL1) Department dated 30.06.2023 and the enquiry is under process and the Director of Vigilance and Anti Corruption has been requested to take appropriate action to comply with the order of this Court and further stated that the Director General, Highways Department had requested the Director of Vigilance and Anti Corruption to produce copies of documents on 22.08.2022 and the same was partly provided on 15.07.2023 and the balance documents on 25.07.2023. It is further stated that 85 documents which have been obtained from the Director General, Highways Department to initiate enquiry have to be verified and since the accused persons in this case have all been retired, their present address has been traced after much efforts and hence, the Inquiry Officer has requested



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additional 60 days to complete the inquiry and to prepare inquiry report in this departmental action. According to the respondents, the said departmental enquiry will be completed at the earliest and also seeks unconditional apology.

4. Recording the aforesaid stand and the unconditional apology tendered by the second respondent, the Contempt Petition stands closed. The presence of the respondents/contemnors are dispensed with.

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