



W.P.No.28557 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.10.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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P. Velmurugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Director of Collegiate Education,
Saidapet,
Chennai – 600 015.

2. The Regional Joint Director of Collegiate Education,
Dharmapuri – 636 705.

3. The Salem Sowdeswari College,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Salem – 636 010.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to dispose of the petitioner's appeal dated 13.07.2023 within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R. Krishnaswamy

For Respondents : Mr.P. Ganesan,
Government Advocate [R1 & R2]



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ORDER

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Heard Mr.R. Krishnaswamy, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.P. Ganesan, learned Government Advocate accepting notice for the respondents 1 and 2.

2. In view of the order to be passed by this Court, notice to the third respondent is hereby dispensed with.

3. 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 13.07.2023, within a stipulated time.

4. 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.



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5. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein, to dispose of the petitioner's appeal dated 13.07.2023, 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.

6. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Speaking/Non-speaking Order

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