



W.P.No.30139 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.11.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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Dr.D.Venkatesan

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Registrar,
Anna University,
Sardar Patel Road,
Chennai – 600 025.

2.The Director, CCC,
Centre for Constituents Colleges,
Anna University,
Chennai – 600 025.

3.The Dean,
University College of Engineering,
BIT Campus, Tiruchirappalli.

...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 dispose the petitioner's representation dated 23.03.2023.

For Petitioner : Ms.P.Srividhya



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For R1 : Ms.A.Shabnam Banu,
Standing Counsel

For R2 : No Appearance

ORDER

The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents on 23.03.2023, seeking for sanction of annual increments and also for promotion to the post of Professor. Since the said representation was not considered, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

2. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast on them 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 the Constitution of India and direct him to consider the same within a stipulated time.

3. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction



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to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 23.03.2023 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight (8) 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 made by the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

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

No costs.

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Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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