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W.P.No.33059 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.06.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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A. Balamurugan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Chairman cum Managing Director,
NLC India Ltd.,
Corporate Office,
Block-1, Neyveli,
Pincode – 607 801.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to disposal of the petitioner representation dated 16.08.2022.

For Petitioner : M/s.S. Sasikala

For Respondent : Mr.N. Nithianandam

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, as well as the learned counsel for the respondent.



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2. The petitioner herein had given several representations to the respondent on 16.08.2022, 19.10.2022 and 10.11.2022, seeking for employment on compassionate grounds. Since the said representations were 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 respondent 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.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondent herein, to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.08.2022 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance



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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 of the petitioner and that it is open to the respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. 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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