



W.P.No.31863 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07.11.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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R.Kulothungan

...Petitioner

Vs

The Secretary to Government
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department
Fort St.George, Chennai - 09

...Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pass order on the appeal submitted by the petitioner dated 30.08.2023 within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Sivakumar

For Respondent : Mrs.V.Yamuvadevi,
Special Government Pleader

ORDER



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

2. The limited prayer sought for in this writ petition is for a direction to the second and third respondents herein to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner dated 30.08.2023 within a stipulated time.

3. It is needless to point out that whenever a statutory appeal is preferred before the Appellate Authority, there is a duty cast on him to dispose of the same 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 the Constitution of India.



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4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the second respondent herein to dispose of the petitioner's appeal petition dated 30.08.2023, if not already disposed of, on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

No costs.

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To

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