



W.P.No.33359 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 28.11.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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V. Krishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary,
Tamil Nadu Transport Department,
Secretariat,
St. George Fort,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Managing Director,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Coimbatore) Ltd.,
37, Mettupalayam Road,
Coimbatore.

3.The General Manager,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Coimbatore) Ltd.,
Erode Circle, No.45, Chennimalai Road,
Erode – 638 001.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to dispose the petitioner's appeal dated 28.08.2021 and fix the time frame.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M. Selvam
For R1 : Mr.P. Ganesan,
Government Advocate
For R2 & R3 : Mr.C. Gawthamaraj,
Standing Counsel

ORDER

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 respondent herein, to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner dated 28.08.2011.

3. 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



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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 dated 28.08.2011, 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.

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

No costs.

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Speaking order/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes/No

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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