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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 07.12.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.No.33927 of 2023

K.Ravi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep., by its Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 9.

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and
Head of Forest Force,
Joint Forest Management,
Velachery Main Road,
Guindy,
Chennai – 32.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, direction to the 1st respondent to dispose the petitioner's appeal dated 08.01.2018 in respect to include his name in the State-wide Seniority List and to regularise his service in the Supernumerary post of Plot Watcher.



For Petitioner : M/s.K.Jenitha

For Respondents : Mr.M.Bindran
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

With the consent of both parties, the 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 1st respondent herein to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner dated 08.01.2018 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 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 the Constitution of India.

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



1st respondent herein to dispose of the petitioner's appeal petition dated 08.01.2018, if not already disposed of, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner, as well as all other persons who may be interested in the subject property, 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.

07.12.2023

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Index : Yes / No

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

Speaking order / Non-speaking order

To

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