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W.P.No.4361 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.02.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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P. Selvaraju

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Director,
Tamil Nadu School Education,
DPI Compound, College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.

3.The Joint Director (NSS),
Tamil Nadu School Education,
DPI Compound, College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.

4.The Chief Educational Officer,
Kancheepuram District, Kancheepuram.

5.The District Educational Officer,
Kancheepuram District, Kancheepuram.

6.The District Educational Officer,
Sriperumbudur Educational District,
Opp. to Government Girls Higher Secondary School,
Sriperumbudur, Kancheepuram District.

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Secretary to Government, School Education Department, the 1st respondent herein to dispose the petitioner's appeal dated 10.08.2019 within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R. Sampath Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.E. Sundaram,
Government Advocate

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 first respondent herein, to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioner dated 10.08.2019, 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



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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 of India.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein, to dispose of the petitioner's appeal petition dated 10.08.2019, 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 ordered. No costs.

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