



W.P.No.120 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.01.2022

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

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B.Bubala Singam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Government of Tamilnadu,
Highways and Minor Ports Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Director General,
Highways Department,
Chennai - 600 025.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 13.12.2022 and complete the disciplinary action initiated against the petitioner pursuant to the charge memo issued by the first respondent in Letter No.5629/HR-2/2022-7 dated 17.10.2022.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Manoj Kumar

For Respondents : Ms.P.Vijaya Devi
Government Advocate



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ORDER

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2. The grievance of the petitioner is that he was suspended from service on 07.04.2022 and thereafter, a charge memo was issued to him on 17.10.2022. He seeks for early completion of the disciplinary proceedings. The petitioner has also submitted an explanation to the charge memo dated 17.10.2022 on 23.11.2022.

3. No prejudice would be caused to the respondents, if a direction, as sought for by the petitioner in this Writ Petition, is granted.

4. This Court is of the considered view that six months time will suffice for the respondents to complete the disciplinary proceedings. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of by directing the respondents to appoint an Enquiry Officer and complete the disciplinary proceedings



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initiated against the petitioner, pursuant to the charge memo dated 17.10.2022 within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the aforementioned directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No Costs.

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Index : Yes/No
Speaking Order : Yes / No
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