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W.P.No.33638 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30.11.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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P.Sekar

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The Director

Tamilnadu Fire and Rescue Services Department
No.17, Rukmani Lakshmipathy Road
Egmore, Chennai – 600 008

2. The Joint Director

Tamilnadu Fire and Rescue Services Department
West Region, Coimbatore – 600 018

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to pass appropriate orders on the Petitioner Appeal dated 19.12.2022 in accordance with law within a limited time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.M.Esakkiappan

For Respondents : Mrs.V.Yamuna Devi
Special Government Pleader



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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 19.12.2022 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 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 first respondent herein to dispose of the petitioner's appeal petition



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dated 19.12.2022 if not already disposed of, after giving due opportunity to the petitioner, 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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Index: Yes/No

Speaking order/Non-speaking order
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