



W.P(MD)No.11188 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 10.05.2023

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

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R.Manoharan

... Petitioner

**Vs.**

1.The Secretary to Government,  
Public (Law Officers) Department,  
Secretariat,  
St.George Fort,  
Chennai,  
Tamil Nadu 600009.

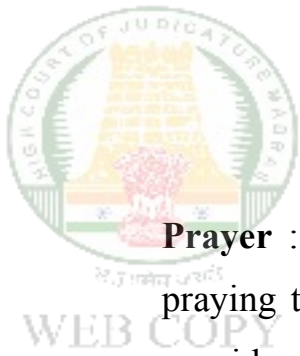
2.The Deputy Secretary to Government,  
Public (Law Officers) Department,  
Secretariat,  
St.George Fort,  
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Tamil Nadu 600009.

3.The District Collector,  
Madurai Collectorate,  
Madurai 625 020.

4.The District Collector,  
Sivagangai Collectorate,  
Sivagangai 630562.

5.The District Collector,  
Virudhunagar Collectorate,  
Virudhunagar District 626002.

... Respondents



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**Prayer** : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to consider the petitioner's application dated 22.07.2021 as well as the representation to the respondents 1 to 5 on 08.03.2022 and 19.11.2022 and in pass an order to consider the petitioner's application for the post of Madras High Court Madurai Bench, Madurai Additional Advocate General or Government Pleader or Special Government P leader on merit.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Joshua

For Respondents : Mr.R.Baskaran  
Additional Advocate General  
assisted by Mr.R.Suresh Kumar  
Additional Government Pleader

### **ORDER**

Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Additional Advocate General assisted by the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

2. The petitioner is a practising lawyer. He got enrolled in the year 1984. The petitioner has described himself as a senior counsel. I have to express my disapproval. Unless a person has been formally designated by the High Court, one cannot call oneself as a senior counsel. Be that as it may, it is seen that the petitioner has given an application seeking appointment as law officer.



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3. The learned Additional Advocate General submits that all the vacancies in the post of law officers have already been filled up and as of now, there is no vacancy.

4. As and when any vacancy arises, the same will be duly notified and it is open to the petitioner herein to apply at that point of time. If any such application is received from the petitioner, the same shall be dealt with as per the statutory rules in force.

5. The Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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