



DATED : 09.06.2023

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

W.P(MD)No.13519 of 2023

... Petitioner

$$V_S$$

1. The Principal Secretary (Highways Department),
Secretariat,
St. George Fort,
Chennai.
2. The Principal Director of Highways Department,
Highways Research Center,
Vallabhai Patel Road,
Guindy,
Chennai – 25.
3. The Joint Director (Admin),
The Office of the Principal Director of Highways Department,
Highways Research Center,
Vallabhai Patel Road,
Guindy,
Chennai – 25.
4. The Divisional Engineer (Highways),
C&M Divisional Office,
Palani,
Dindigul District.



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5.The Divisional Engineer (Highways),
Investigation Division Office,
Madurai.

6.The Divisional Engineer (Highways),
C&M Divisional Office,
Dindigul.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider petitioner's representation, dated 28.12.2022 and to regularize the period of service from 17.06.2015 to 21.02.2018 and to give priority to the petitioner's candidature to give promotion to the post of Junior Draughting officer in the office of Highways Department as he is otherwise by all means qualified to get promotion.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Karthikeya Venkatachalapathy

For Respondents : Mr.T.Villavan Kothai
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2. The petitioner joined the Highways Department as Road Inspector Grade - II in the year 2011. He was transferred and posted as Assistant Draughtsman in the year 2015. He was reverted as Road Inspector Grade - II and the same was put to challenge.



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3. The petitioner appears to have obtained interim order. But he could not continue in the original place. Only in the year 2018 he joined as Road Inspector Grade - II. The petitioner is now eligible for promotion if this period is taken into account. The petitioner has given a representation for regularizing his period from 17.06.2015 to 21.02.2018.

4. The second respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's representation and pass order on merits and in accordance with law within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. This writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Note: Issue Order Copy on 12.06.2023.

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