



W.P.No.18870 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 16.07.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

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K.Murugan

... Petitioner

Vs

The District Collector,
Collectorate Office,
Cuddalore.

... Respondent

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to consider and dispose of the representation dated 27.07.2023 given by the petitioner to appoint Panchayat Secretary for Sirvathur Panchayat.

For Petitioner : Mr. M.Gnanamoorthy

For Respondent : Mr. S.Balamurugan,
Government Advocate



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ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed directing the respondent to consider and dispose of the representation dated 27.07.2023, made by the petitioner, seeking appointment as the Panchayat Secretary for Siruvathur Panchayat.

2. The petitioner is the President of Siruvathur Panchayat, which has more than 7,500 people. However, for the past eight years, the Panchayat has been running without a Panchayat Secretary. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation to the respondent to appoint a Secretary for his Panchayat.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondent, on instructions, states that the representation submitted by the petitioner has been forwarded to the Government and the same was also duly replied to the petitioner by communication dated 26.04.2024, as per the guidelines issued in G.O.(Ms) No. 113, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (E5) dated 13.09.2023. As per the said Government Order, appointments



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to the post of Village Panchayat Secretary shall be made by direct recruitment through an open competitive recruitment process. The recruitment shall be conducted by a District Level Committee, chaired by the respondent and consisting of the Project Director/Additional Collector (Development), District Rural Development Agency, Assistant Director (Panchayats), and Personal Assistant to Collector (Development) as its members.

4. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to take steps to appoint a Panchayat Secretary for Sirvathur Panchayat within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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