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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.09.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.No.25260 of 2024
and W.M.P.No.27595 of 2024

1.Marimuthupandian

2.Rajagurunath Prabhu

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The Commissioner of Vigilance & Administrative Reforms,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Secretary,
Human Resources Management Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

3.The Secretary,
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

4.The Secretary,
Department of Law, Justice and Prisons,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.



5.The Secretary,
Department of Finance,
Secretariat,
Chennai – 600 009.

6.The Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Panagal Maligai,
Saidapet,
Chennai – 600 015.

... Respondents

(R6 *suo motu* impleaded vide order dated 04.09.2024 in WP.No.25260 of 2024)

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pass appropriate orders on appeal preferred by the petitioners dated 10.06.2024 and 13.06.2024 respectively against order of the District Collector, Virudhunagar issued in Na.Ka.No.PD-53/2/2023-(P2-1) dated 14.05.2024 and pass order on merits and in accordance within the time limit that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Thalaimutharasu

For Respondents : Mr.P.Balathandayutham
Special Government Pleader
for R1 to R4 and R6

Mr.U.Baranidharan
Additional Government Pleader
for R5



ORDER

This Court *suo motu* impleads the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Panagal Maligai, Saidapet, Chennai – 600 015 as 6th respondent in this writ petition.

2.This writ petition has been filed for a direction to the respondents to dispose of the appeal preferred by the petitioners on 10.06.2024 and 13.06.2024 against the order passed by the District Collector, Virudhunagar, dated 14.05.2024.

3.When the matter came up for hearing, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents submitted that none of the respondents are appellate authority in this case and the appellate authority is only the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department.

4.In view of the above, there shall be a direction to the petitioners to submit a fresh appeal before the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat



Raj Department against the order passed by the District Collector, dated 14.05.2024, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order. On receipt of the same, the Director of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department shall deal with the appeal on its own merits and in accordance with law and pass final orders, within a period of twelve weeks thereafter.

5.This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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To

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