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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.10.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

W.P(MD)No.14301 of 2023

and

W.M.P(MD)No.12106 of 2023

Dr.M.Vijayaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary,
Higher Education Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Director of Technical Education,
Office of the Directorate of Technical Education,
Technical Educational Directorate,
No.53, Sardhar Vallapai Patel Road,
Guindy, Chennai – 600 025.

3.Dr.K.Baskaran,
Professor & Head/EEE Department,
Alagappa Chettiyar Government College of Engineering & Technology,
Karaikudi – 630 003,
Sivagangai District.

4.Dr.P.Latha,
Professor & Head/EEE Department,
Government College of Engineering,
Tirunelveli – 627 007.



5.Dr.V.Gopala Krishnan,
Professor & Head/EEE Department,
Government College of Technology,
Coimbatore – 641 013.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents No.1 and 2 to include the petitioner's name in the seniority list in the year 2023-2024 for the post of “The Principal” at Government Engineering Colleges all over Tamil Nadu, based on the petitioner's representation, dated 04.05.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Krishnasamy

For Respondents : Mr.N.Satheesh Kumar
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 & R2
Mr.P.Thiyagarajan
for R3 to R5

ORDER

The instant writ petition has been filed by a Professor and Head of the department, working in the Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli, seeking a mandamus as against the first respondent, herein to include the name of the petitioner in the seniority list in the year 2023-2024, for the post of “The Principal” at Government Engineering Colleges all over the Tamil Nadu.



2.The petitioner, who is at present working as a Professor in the Electronics and Communication Engineering department in Government College of Engineering, Tirunelveli, claims that he is the senior most Professor and his name has to be included in the panel for the promotion for the post of Principal in the year 2023-2024. Seeking the said benefits, the petitioner has sent a representation to the first respondent herein on 04.05.2023.

3.The learned Counsel appearing for the private respondents herein has brought to the notice of the Court that as per G.O.Ms.No.124, Higher Education(I-1)Department, dated 16.07.2024, the department has issued new panel, and therefore, the question of considering the name of the writ petitioner for inclusion in the said panel does not arise. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents 1 and 2 has also concurred with the said submission.

4.Though the prayer of the writ petitioner is for inclusion of his name in the panel for the year 2023-2024, it is for the first respondent to consider the said representation, whether to include the name of the petitioner in the panel for the year 2023-2024 or in subsequent years, depending upon the seniority and qualification and pass order on merits and in accordance with law as



expeditiously as possible.

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5. With the above said observations, this writ petition stands disposed of.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is also closed.

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