



W.P.No.17107 of 2025

THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE R.SUBRAMANIAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE K.GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI

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and

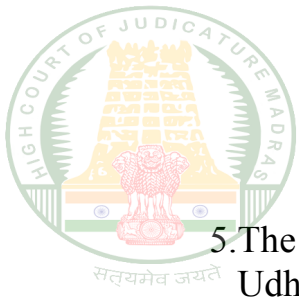
W.M.P.Nos.19384, 19386 & 19389 of 2025

M.Ramesh

...Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Registrar General,
High Court of Madras,
High Court Campus,
Chennai – 600 104.
- 2.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Home (Court V) Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 9.
- 3.The District Judge Chief cum Judicial Magistrate,
Udhagamandalam.
- 4.The Principal Accountant General (A and E),
AG's Office (Audit) Complex,
Anna Salai, Roast Revor Gardent,
Teynampet, Cehnnai – 600 018.



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5.The District Treasury Officer,
Udhagamandalam.

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6.The Chief Administrative Officer,
District Court, Udhagamandalam.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records of the 6th respondent in connection with the proceedings of Prog No.27/2021 dated 05.03.2021 and quash the same and direct the respondents to return the amount that had been recovered from the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Sakthivel

For Respondents : Mr.M.Palanimuthu for R1, R3 & R6

Mr.T.Chandrasekaran,
Special Government Pleader for R2, R4 & R5

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by R.SUBRAMANIAN, J.)

The order dated 05.03.2021 directing recovery on account of wrong fixation of pay is under challenge.



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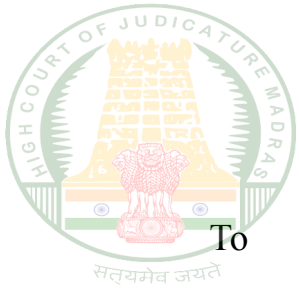
2. Admittedly the petitioner is a Group - C employee and this case

is covered by the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Punjab and Others Vs. Rafiq Masih (White Washer's case)* reported in *AIR 2015 SC 696*. While sustaining the re-fixation, the order of recovery alone is quashed.

3. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is **allowed**. Any amount recovered pursuant to the order impugned, shall be re-paid to the petitioner within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(R.S.M.,J.) (K.G.T.,J.)
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