



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 02.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

W.P.No.9331 of 2015

S.Krishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai – 600 009.

2. The Director of School Education,
DPT Compound, College Road,
Chennai – 600 006.

3. The Chief Educational Officer,
Vellore Post & District.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider and pass orders on the petitioners representation dated 11.11.2014 with regard to retrospective promotion as Headmaster within a stipulated time as fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner : No appearance

For Respondent : M/s.Akila Rajendran,



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Government Advocate

ORDER

This matter came up for consideration before this court on 01.07.2025.

As there was no representation for the petitioner, the same was directed to be listed under the caption “For Dismissal”.

2. Today, inspite of the matter being listed under the caption “For Dismissal”, there is no representation for the petitioner. In the circumstances, this court is left with no other option except to dismiss the writ petition for non-prosecution.

3. Be that as it may, the petitioner is aged 74 years, who retired from service as early as on 30.06.1998, submitted a representation dated 11.11.2014, i.e., after a lapse of about 16 years, and then came forward to file the present writ petition in the year 2015. Thus, there is an inordinate delay of 17 years in making a claim for promotion with retrospective effect to the post of 'Head Master'. In view of the same, this writ petition is also liable to be dismissed on the ground of delay and laches.



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4. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed for non-prosecution as well as on the ground of delay and laches. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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Index : Yes / No

Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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