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W.P.Nos.11628 & 11640 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P.Nos.11628 & 11640 of 2025

and

WMP.No.13156 of 2025

[WP.No.11628 of 2025]

S.Rajamuthu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Additional Chief Secretary,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Velachery Main Road, Guindy,
Chennai - 600 032.

... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the entire records which culminated in issuing order passed by the 2nd respondent in Ref. No LL3 / 36589/ 2023 dated 13.05.2024 and quash the same and consequently directing respondents to regularize the service of the petitioner as Forest watcher from 24.01.1995 notionally for purpose of getting pension by taking into account their seniority and qualification on par



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with their junior K. Subramani, Seniority No 4988 and in the light of the orders passed in W.P. No 15561 of 2006 dated 10.03.2008, W.A. No 690 of 2008 dated 13.10.2009, W.P. No 23374 of 2008 dated 30.10.2009 W.A. No 607 of 2010 dated 29.03.2010 and proceedings of the 2nd Respondent dated 07.01.2011 and order in W.P. No 19020 of 2021 dated 09.09.2021 and in the light of G.O. (2D) No 122, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (Fr. 2 (ii)) Department dated 12.08.2022 and G.O (2D) No 124 Environment Climate Change and Forest (Fr. 2ii) Department dated 17.08.2022 and order in W.P. No 18476 of 2023 etc. batch dated 03.08.2023 and order in W.P. No 1884 of 2023 dated 31.01.2024.

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... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to implement the court order passed in W.P. No.41097 of 2015 dated 05.01.2016 so as to enable to get regularize the service of the petitioner as



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Forest watcher from 24.01.1995 notionally for purpose of getting enhanced pension by taking into account their seniority and qualification, on par with their junior K.Subramani, Seniority No.4988 and in the light of G.O (2D) No.122, Environment , Climate Change and Forests (FR2 (ii) Department dated 12.08.2022 and G.O. (2D) NO.124 Environment climate change and forests (FR2ii) Department dated 17.08.2022 and order in W.P. No. 18476 of 2023 etc. batch dated 03.08.2023 and order in W.P. No.1884 of 2023 and 31.01.2024.

For Petitioners

In All WPs : Mr.S.Mani

For Respondents

In All WPs : Mr.P.Anandakumar, Govt.Advocate

COMMON ORDER

These writ petitions have been filed challenging the order passed by the 2nd respondent in Ref. No LL3 / 36589/ 2023 dated 13.05.2024 and also for a direction to the respondents to regularize the services of the petitioners as Forest Watcher notionally.

2.Heard, the learned counsel appearing on either side.



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3. In similar matters, this Court considered the similar request in W.P.Nos.21349 of 2023 and batch dated 03.08.2023 and held as follows:-

"7. Admittedly, the grievance of the writ petitioner is that he is seeking regularization of service for pensionary benefits. It is the contention of the writ petitioners that similarly persons have been given such benefits as per Government Orders in G.O.Ms.No.95, Environment and Forest Department, dated 07.08.2009, G.O (2D) No. 08 Environment Climate Change And Forests (FR.2ii) Department dated 09.01.2023 and G.O. [2D] No.9, dated 08.02.2022. Based on the Orders of this Court in W.A.No.2072 of 2018, dated 11.08.2021, the Government has issued the Government Order in G.O (2D) No. 08 Environment Climate Change And Forests (FR.2ii) Department dated 09.01.2023. As per the above Government Orders, the relief has been extended to similarly placed persons. Hence, the respondents are directed to consider the case of the petitioners in the light the above Government Orders, as the benefit has been extended to similarly placed



person. In fact the plot watchers are frontline soldiers in forest and they are main protectors of the forest. These facts cannot be disputed by any one. Hence, while passing the Orders, the Government shall take into consideration the nature of service rendered by the petitioners and also the fact that when similarly placed persons have already been granted the relief, if the petitioners are not granted such relief, the same is nothing but discrimination and it violates Article 14 of Constitution of India. In such view of the matter, the respondent shall extend the benefits as per above Government Orders as it is extended to similarly situated persons."

4. In view of the above, the respondents are directed to pass appropriate orders in the light of the above order passed in W.P.Nos.21349 of 2023 and batch dated 03.08.2023 as the benefits have been extended to similarly placed persons, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, these writ petitions are disposed of.



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There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected
Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Speaking Order: Yes/No
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