



W.P.No.31970 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 04.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

W.P.No.31970 of 2024
&
W.M.P.No.34726 of 2024

Mr.M.Thangavel

..Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Secretary
Govt. of Puducherry
Health Department
Puducherry – 605 006

2. The Registrar
Puducherry State Dental Council
Mahatma Gandhi College of Dental Science
Puducherry – 605 006

3. The Registrar Cum Secretary
Dentist Registration Tribunal
Puducherry – 605 006

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of writ of mandamus to direct the respondents to renew certificate for dentistry in Part B as per G.O.Ms.No.69, Health/82 dated 21.05.1982 Registration Tribunal constituted by G.O.Ms.No.184/DS/(H)/78 dated 13.12.1978 read with Dentist Act, 1948 considering the earlier renewals till 31.12.2023 to the petitioner.

For Petitioners ... Mr.J.Kamaraj



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For Respondents ... Mr.R.Sreedhar
Additional Government Pleader
(Pondy) R1 to R3

ORDER

The petitioner seeks a direction to the respondent to renew the petitioner's certificate of dentistry in Part B as per G.O.Ms.No.69/Health/82 dated 21.05.1982.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he has registered as a Dentist as provided under Part B of the Dentists Act, 1948 and in pursuance of G.O.Ms.No.184/D3(H)/78 dated 13.12.1978 and his license was renewed till 31.12.2023. It is the further case of the petitioner that from the date of his registration, he was continuously practicing as Dentist. The petitioner made an application for renewal of certificate, but it has not been renewed. Hence, the petitioner filed a writ petition before this Court in W.P.No.6108 of 2024 and this Court disposed of the writ petition with a direction to dispose of the application of the petitioner within a period of four weeks. Thereafter, the third respondent advised the petitioner to attend the meeting on 20.03.2024 and to produce the proof of clinical practice for 5 years during the pre-enactment period i.e., prior to 29.03.1948. The petitioner produced the

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certificate pertaining to 5 years of practice on the date of appointment of the Dental council for the Union Territory of Pondicherry. However, no decision has been taken and only the minutes of the meeting has been recorded. Hence, the petitioner came forward with the present writ petition.

3. The learned Additional Government Pleader (Pondy), on instructions, would submit that though no final orders has been passed, it has been recorded in the minutes that the petitioner's request has been rejected and therefore, it is the contention of the learned Government Pleader that the petitioner ought to have challenged the decision taken in the meeting instead of filing a writ petition for mere mandamus.

4. I have perused the entire materials available on record.

5. On a perusal of the minutes of the meeting, it is seen that the petitioner has participated in the meeting and certain queries have been raised, but no final order has been passed by the authorities.



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6. In such view of the matter, the respondents are directed to pass final orders on the application of the petitioner as per law within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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