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W.A.No.3456 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 03.12.2025

CORAM :
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R. SURESH KUMAR
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

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1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary to Government
Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department
Fort St. George, Chennai – 9.
 2. The Director of Rural Development
Panagal Building, Saidapet
Chennai – 15.
 3. The District Collector
Cuddalore District, Cuddalore. .. Appellants
- Vs.
1. S.Dinakar Senthilkumar
 2. S.Raja Ravivarman
 3. S.Kalaivanan
 4. The Block Development Officer
Kumaratchi Block
Cuddalore District. .. Respondents

Prayer: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, against the order dated 19.01.2024 made in W.P.No.3197 of 2021.

For the Appellant : Mr.R.Neelakandan
Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.R.U.Dinesh Rajkumar
Additional Government Pleader

For the Respondents : Mr.K.Venkataramani
Senior Counsel
for Mr.M.Muthappan
for R1 to R3



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Mr.S.Yashwanth
Additional Government Pleader
for R4

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was made by R.SURESH KUMAR, J.)

The present intra-Court appeal has been directed against the order passed by the Writ Court dated 19.01.2024 made in W.P.No.3197 of 2021.

2. In fact, it is a common order passed in respect of other writ petitions also, who all approached the Writ Court with similar prayer, seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents therein, who are the appellants herein, to extend first priority to the writ petitioners while recruiting fresh candidates for the post of Overseer as per the notification issued by the third respondent therein, that is the District Collector, dated 10.12.2020 by relaxing the age qualification.

3. Ultimately, the writ petitions were allowed through the impugned order and the learned Writ Court has set aside the said notification issued by the District Collector dated 10.12.2020.

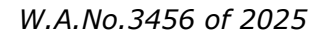


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4. Though against the said order, the present intra-Court appeal has been directed at the instance of the appellants, the learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the appellants would submit that, the very notification dated 10.12.2020 has been withdrawn by the District Collector, who issued the said notification. That apart, the same also has been set aside by the orders of this Court, which is impugned herein.

5. In this regard, the Government, that is the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, has issued a Government Order in G.O.(Ms)No.240 dated 31.10.2025, by which, the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has become the Recruiting Agency and subsequently, the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has also issued notification inviting applications from the eligible candidates for Direct Recruitment to the post of Overseer in the Department concerned.

6. In this context, it is brought to our notice by *Mr.K.Venkataramani*, learned Senior Counsel for respondents 1 to 3/writ petitioners that, though such notification was issued by the present Recruiting Agency, that is the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission, where, though age relaxation has been given, that is



8. Insofar as the plea or grievance espoused by the respondents/writ petitioners by stating that the age relaxation has not been given, therefore, that triggered them to file subsequent writ petition which is pending before this Court is concerned,



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whatever the issues that have been agitated by the present respondents/writ petitioners in the subsequent proceedings could very well be agitated by taking appropriate ground in the said writ petition and all those grounds are left open to be decided afresh in the said writ petition by the Writ Court.

9. With these observations, the present writ appeal is dismissed, as no further adjudication is required in this appeal. However, there shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, C.M.P.No.28230 of 20205 is closed.

(R.S.K., J.) (V.L.N., J.)
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