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W.P.No.31523 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22.08.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T.ASHA

W.P.No.31523 of 2025

and

W.M.P.No.35299 of 2025

1.P.Natarajan
2.M.Mani
3.V.Kaliyappan

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep., by its Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-9.

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
& Head of Forest Force,
Forest Headquarters,
Velachery Main Road,
Guindy,
Chennai-600 032.

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the petitioners claim in respect of notional promotion in the post of Forester on par with their juniors by including their names in the panel for the year 2011-2012 for the post of Forester, in the light of the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.40881 of 2016 dated 22.11.2016 same was affirmed by the Division Bench in W.A.No.2682 of 2019 dated --- and same was confirmed by the Supreme Court in SLP (Civil) Diary No.(S).27674 of 2022 dated 26.09.2022 and order in the light of the order in W.P.No.7506 of 2025 dated 28.04.20258 with all consequential service and monetary benefits.

For Petitioners : M/s.K.Jenitha
For Respondents : Mr.C.Selvaraj
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the petitioners' claim in respect of notional promotion in the post of Forester on par with their

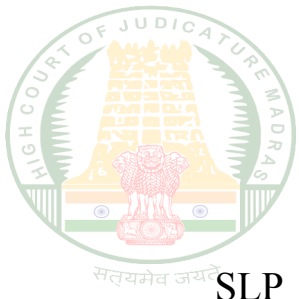


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seniors, by including their names in the panel for the year 2011-2012 for the post of Forester, in the light of the order passed by this Court in W.P.No.40881 of 2016 dated 22.11.2016 which was affirmed by the Division Bench in W.A.No.2682 of 2019 dated 07.07.2021, and confirmed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Civil) Diary No.(S).27674 of 2022 dated 26.09.2022 and in the light of the order passed in W.P.No.7506 of 2025 dated 28.04.2025 with all consequential service and monetary benefits.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner has brought to the notice of this Court that this Court, on 22.11.2016, while disposing of W.P.No.40881 of 2016, had directed the respondents to include the name of the petitioners in the panel for the year 2011-2012 and promote them as Foresters from the date on which their juniors were promoted, on a notional basis. The said order was confirmed by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.2682 of 2019 dated 07.07.2021, which was also upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in



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SLP (Civil) Diary No.(S).27674 of 2022 dated 26.09.2022. The learned counsel would submit that the present case is also similar to the issue involved in the above writ petition. Hence, he prayed that the present writ petition may also be allowed on the same lines.

3. In the light of the order passed in W.P.No.40881 of 2016 dated 22.11.2016 which squarely applies to the facts of the present case, this Writ Petition is allowed as prayed for. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

22.08.2025

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To

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