



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-11-2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 17183 of 2017

S.Ponna

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director of Town Panchayat
Kuralagam, 4th floor,
Chennai- 600 108.

2.The District Collector
Salem District, Salem.

3.The Executive Officer
Thammampatti Selection Grade Town
Panchayat, Thammampatti,
Salem district.

4.S.Elangovan
Now Working as Record Clerk,
Thammampatti Section Grade Town
Panchayat, Thammampatti,
Salem District.

Respondent(s)

PRAYER

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records of the second respondent in Na.Ka. No.1170 / 2012 /B dated 29.05.2012 and consequential



order of the Third respondent in Na.Ka.No.188 /2012/ A2, dated 31.05.2012, quash the same in as much as appointing the Fourth Respondent Thiru.S.Elangovan as Record clerk in the Thammampatti Section Grade Town Panchayat and also to promote the Writ petitioner S. Ponna as Record clerk from 31.05.2012, the date on which the Fourth Respondent was appointed as Record Clerk with all consequential monetary benefits.

For Petitioner	M/s.P.P.Shanmugasundaram
For Respondents	Mr.V.Veluchamy, AGP for R1 to R3 R4-NA

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed seeking to quash the records of the second respondent in Na.Ka. No.1170 / 2012 /B dated 29.05.2012 and consequential order of the Third respondent in Na.Ka.No.188 /2012/ A2, dated 31.05.2012 and to promote the Writ petitioner S. Ponna as Record clerk from 31.05.2012, the date on which the Fourth Respondent was appointed as Record Clerk with all consequential monetary benefits.

2. The brief facts of the case are that the petitioner, who was appointed as Office Assistant in Thammampatti Town Panchayat, sought promotion to the



vacant Record Clerk Post as per G.O.(Ms).No.205/1989. Instead, the post was filled by compassionate appointment of Thiru. S.Elangovan, son of a deceased Electrician from another Town Panchayat. Petitioner made representations to the third respondent, however he did not receive any response. Aggrieved by the same, this Writ Petition is filed.

3. The learned counsel for the respondents has produced a copy of the proceedings Na.Ka.No.379/2017, dated 12.03.2020, and submitted that the petitioner has been appointed as a Junior Assistant. Therefore the cause in the present Writ Petition does not survive, as the petitioner is challenging the appointment of the fourth respondent, Thiru. S.Elangovan as Record Clerk, which is a lower post compared to Junior Assistant.

4. The Writ Petition is disposed of giving liberty to give a representation to the respondents to consider his seniority above the fourth respondent. Upon



receipt of such representation from the petitioner, the respondent shall consider the same and dispose of it on merit and in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of representation of the petitioner. It is needless to say that if the petitioner is aggrieved by the disposal of the representation regarding his seniority, he can approach this Court by filing Writ Petition. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Internet: Yes

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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