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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 12.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

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1. C.L.Chenthil Kumar
2. R.Ravichandran

... Petitioners

Vs.

1. Gagandeep Singh Bedi, I.A.S.,
Now Additional Chief Secretary,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by Principal Secretary,
Rural Development and
Panchayat Raj Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2. Ponniah, I.A.S.,
Member Secretary/Project Director,
Tamil Nadu Coastal Sustainable
Livelihoods Society,
(Rural Development and
Panchayat Raj Department)
TNCDW Ltd Building,
100, Anna Salai, Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.

... Respondents

Prayer:- Contempt petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, praying to punish the respondents for disobeying and non-implementation of the interim order dated 22.05.2024, passed by this Court in W.M.P.No.15078 of 2024 in W.P.No.13893 of 2024.



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For Petitioners : Mr.S.Sarathkumar
For Respondents
For R1 : Mr.P.Balathandayutham
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This Contempt Petition has been filed to punish the respondents for non compliance of the order dated 22.05.2024 passed by this Court in W.M.P.No.15078 of 2024 in W.P.No.13893 of 2024, thereby granted interim injunction for a period of eight weeks.

2. This Court by an order dated 22.05.2024, granted interim injunction, thereby restraining the respondents from disengaging the petitioners from their post. The petitioners were appointed as Assistant Project Officers under the second respondent as a part of Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women Ltd. Thereafter, the petitioners were deputed to International Fund for Agricultural Development assisted post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Programme under the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department. Though the petitioners have not disengaged so far, the petitioners were not paid salary by the respondents, even after interim order granted by this Court. Hence, the petitioners filed the present



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contempt petition.

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3. On instructions, the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the first respondent submitted that the project itself now over and as such, the petitioners are now offered post under another scheme in the position of Consultant on fresh contract basis in State Mission Management Unit, Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission Scheme, temporarily for a period of one year with the salary of Rs.30,000/- per month. However, the petitioners refused to accept the said post. When the project itself came to an end, though the petitioners are not disengaged due to the interim order passed by this Court, they cannot be paid salary under the said scheme.

4. Considering the above submissions, the Court finds no contempt is made out as against the respondents and this Contempt Petition is dismissed.

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Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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To

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