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W.P.No.123 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 01.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**W.P.No.123 of 2024
and W.M.P.No.130 of 2024**

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Disciplinary Authority/Deputy General Manager,
Central Office,
Central Bank of India,
MSME Department,
Bajaj Bhavan,
Mumbai.

2.The Inquiring Authority,
A.G./D.R.H,
Central Bank of India,
Regional Office,
Variety Hall Road,
Coimbatore-641 001.

3.Central Bank of India,
Rep.by its Regional Head,
Regional Office,
4/15, Variety Hall Road,
Coimbatore-641 001.

....Respondents



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PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records relating to the order of the third respondent dated 27.06.2022 in RO/COIM/DAD/2022-23/18, and the consequential order of the first respondent dated 18.10.2023 in CO:HCM:DACELL:/2023-24/2141 and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Selvaraj

For Respondents : Mr.T.Shanmugananda Vijayakumar

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the order of the third respondent dated 27.06.2022 in RO/COIM/DAD/2022-23/18, and the consequential order of the first respondent dated 18.10.2023 in CO:HCM:DACELL:/2023-24/2141.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was appointed as Probationary Officer in the respondents Bank and he was promoted as Manager and thereafter, was promoted as Chief Manager at Avarampalayam Branch, Coimbatore. The petitioner has



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rendered 12 years of unblemished service in the Bank. While so, the petitioner was compulsorily retired by initiating disciplinary proceedings vide impugned proceedings dated 27.06.2022 and 18.10.2023 and before the Enquiry Officer as well as Original Authority, no fair opportunity was given to the petitioner to defend his case. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

4. A perusal of the impugned proceedings reveals that as against the punishment imposed by the Disciplinary Authority, an appeal remedy is available under Regulation 17 of Central Bank of India Employees' (Discipline and Appeal) Regulations, 1976. Without availing such appeal remedy, the petitioner has approached this Court by way of filing this writ petition. Hence, without interfering with the impugned proceedings dated 27.06.2022 and 18.10.2023, liberty is granted to the petitioner to file an appeal before the Appellate Authority under Regulation 17 of Central Bank



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of India Employees' (Discipline and Appeal) Regulations, 1976, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On such filing the appeal by the petitioner, the Appellate Authority, without referring the delay, is directed to entertain the appeal and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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NCC: Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Speaking Order : Yes / No
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