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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.10.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE **A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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D.Soundararajan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary to Government,
Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department & Chairman,
TWAD Board, Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.
3. The Joint Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.
4. The Finance Director,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.
5. The Administrative Officer,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.
6. The Chief Engineer,



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Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.30, Bharathi Park Road, Siruvani Nagar,
Coimbatore – 641 043.

7. The Superintending Engineer, Erode Circle,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.2, CMSJ Nagar, Kaniravuthar Kulam,
(Near Kannan Petrol Bunk), Veerappam Chatram (PO),
Erode – 638 004.
8. The Executive Engineer, RWS Division,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
RWS Division, Avinashi Road, Tirupur – 641 602.
9. The Executive Engineer, Maint Division,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
No.5(1), 2nd Floor, College Road, 2nd Cross,
Oddakadu, Tirppur – 641 602.
10. The Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division,
Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board,
Maintenance Division, Commercial Complex,
Avinashi Road, Tiruppur – 641 602.

...Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 11.08.2025 within a time frame fixed by this Hon'ble Court, and to extend parity in designation and pay scale by granting promotion to Fitter Grade II (Special) with effect from the date his colleagues were promoted, with all consequential benefits including arrears of pay.



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For Petitioner : Ms.M.Jayanthi

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For Respondents : Mr.C.Selvaraj, AGP, for R1
: Ms.S.Mekhala, Standing Counsel, for R2 to R10

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking to direct the respondents to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 11.08.2025 and for a consequential direction to the respondents to extend parity in designation and pay scale by granting promotion to Fitter Grade II (Special) with effect from the date on which his colleagues were promoted, with all consequential benefits, including arrears of pay.

2. Mr.C.Selvaraj, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice on behalf of the 1st respondent and Ms.S.Mekhala, learned Standing Counsel takes notice on behalf of the respondents 2 to 10. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel on either side, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. The case of the petitioner is that, he was initially appointed as a



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Nominal Muster Roll (in short 'NMR') Fitter Grade II in the Tamil Nadu

Water Supply and Drainage Board (in short 'TWAD') on 01.08.1990 under

temporary daily wages category and was subsequently appointed as Fitter

Grade II on 05.05.1995, pursuant to the proceedings bearing

No.D4/19771/95 dated 12.04.1995. Though, several colleagues of the

petitioner, who were appointed under the above said proceedings were

promoted to Fitter Grade II (Special), the petitioner, however, has been

continued as a Fitter Grade II (Selection). Aggrieved by the same, the

petitioner made several representations before the respondents seeking to

promote him as Fitter Grade II (Special) with effect from the date on which

his similarly placed colleagues were promoted and to fix the petitioner's pay

in the scale of Rs.35,000/- to Rs.1,12,400/- with all consequential arrears

and also to restore the petitioner's seniority in accordance with the 1995

proceedings and the last representation sent by the petitioner in this regard

was on 11.08.2025. However, as the same evoked no response, the petitioner

has come up with this writ petition.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that, it would suffice,



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if this Court issues a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.08.2025 and to consequently extend parity in designation and pay scale, by granting promotion to the petitioner to the post of Fitter Grade II (Special) with effect from the date on which his colleagues were promoted, with all consequential benefits, including arrears of pay.

5. Learned counsels appearing for the respective respondents submitted that, appropriate orders will be passed on the petitioner's representation dated 11.08.2025 within the time stipulated by this Court.

6. In view of the above, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 11.08.2025 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

7. With the above directions, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.



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Index : Yes/No
Speaking order : Yes/No
NCC : Yes/No

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