



W.P. No.37997 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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C.S. Balraj

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Tourism, Culture and Religious
Endowment Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009.

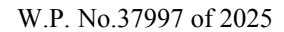
2. The Commissioner,
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
Uthamar Gandhi Salai,
Nungambakkam, Chennai 600 034.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to grant promotion to the petitioner to the post of Assistant Commissioner in the skipped panel years namely 2021-22 or 2022-23, with all attendant and consequential benefits including service promotion and other terminal benefits.

For petitioner : Mr.P.Jayalakshmi

For respondents : Mr.S. Ravichandran
Addl. Govt. Pleader (HR&CE)

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constituted for the periods 2021-22 and 2022-23. Subsequently, a panel was constituted only for the year 2023-2024, and the vacancies that had arisen over the three-year period (2021-2024) were sought to be filled solely based on the eligibility criteria applicable to the panel year 2023-2024. The said action of the respondents has adversely affected the petitioner's promotional prospects. In this regard, the petitioner had submitted a representation dated 25.07.2024 to the respondents, which has not been considered till date. Hence, he has come before this Court by way of this writ petition.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

6. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case, the 2nd respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's representation dated 25.07.2024 and pass appropriate orders on its own merits and in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim made by the petitioner.



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7. With the aforesaid directions, this writ petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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