



W.P.No.38178 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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1.A.Aruchamy
2.S.Jaganathan
3.K.Karuppan
4.P.Kumarasamy
5.V.Aadhimoolam

...Petitioners

Vs.

1.Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Principal Secretary
to Government,
Environment and Forests Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600009.

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
(Head of Forest Force),
Velachery Main Road, Guindy,
Chennai-600 032.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the notional promotion to the petitioners as Forest Guard on par with juniors by including their name in the panel drawn for the year 2003-2004 with effect from 31.05.2004 for purpose of getting enhanced pension (Petitioners service was regularized on par with junior's only now) and in the light of order passed by this Court in W.P.No.15726 of 2016 dated 28.04.2016 by considering the representations dated 06.08.2025 & 08.08.2025 and order in W.P.No.1229 of 2024



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dated 23.01.2024 in time limit stipulated by this Court.

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For Petitioners : Mr.S.Mani

For Respondents : Mr.P.Ananda Kumar
Government Advocate

ORDER

The present writ petition is filed for a direction to the respondents to consider notional promotion to the petitioners as Forest Guard on a par with his juniors by including their names in the panel drawn for the year 2003-2004 with effect from 31.05.2004 for the purpose of getting enhanced pension (Petitioners' service was regularized on a par with juniors only now) and in the light of order passed by this Court in W.P.No.15726 of 2016 dated 28.04.2016 by considering the representation dated 08.08.2025 and order in W.P.No.1229 of 2024 dated 23.01.2024 within a time frame fixed by this Court.

2. The case of the petitioners is that they were appointed as Plot Watcher on daily wage basis in the forest department from 01.03.1983 onwards. In 1994, a Statewide Seniority List was prepared by the Government, in which, the petitioners' names were included. The service of juniors of the petitioners were regularized in the cadre post of Forest Watcher on 24.01.1995. Subsequently, the petitioners'



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juniors were given further promotion to the post of Forest Guard on 31.05.2004.

On 03.03.2017 and 16.03.2017, the service of the petitioners was regularized in the cadre of Forest Watcher notionally with effect from 24.01.1995 on the basis of orders of this Court in W.P.Nos.22767 of 2014 and 4293 of 2014 dated 22.08.2014 and 13.02.2014. Thereafter, the petitioners submitted representations dated 06.08.2025 and 08.08.2025 seeking further promotion as Forest Guard retrospectively on a par with their juniors by including their names in the panel for the year 2003-2004 and to promote them as Forest Guard from 17.06.2004 on a par with juniors. The said representations are still pending. Hence, the petitioners have filed the present writ petition.

3. Though very many grounds have been raised in this Writ Petition, learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that, it would suffice, if this Court issues a direction to the first respondent to consider the petitioners' representation dated 08.08.2025 and pass appropriate orders on merits, within a particular time frame to be fixed by this Court.

4. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents



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submitted that he has no objection for the said order being passed by this Court.

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

6. Taking into consideration the factual aspects of the matter, this court, without going into the merits of the case, directs the first respondent, to consider the representation of the petitioners dated 08.08.2025, and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. The writ petition stands disposed of with the above directions. There will be no order as to costs.

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Speaking (or) Non Speaking Order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
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WEB 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
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