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W.P.No.43505 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.11.2025

CORAM:

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

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T.Jayamoorthy

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU,
REP. BY ITS SECRETARY,
ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT,
SECRETARIAT,
CHENNAI 600 009

2.THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,
PANAGAL BUILDING, SAIDAPET-600 015. ... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to dispose the petitioner representation dated 07.08.2025 and direct to grant promotion as Forest Guard with effect from 31.05.2004 instead of 20.12.2014 and provide all consequential monetary and pensionary benefits

For Petitioner : M/s.I.Karthiga

For Respondents : Mr.C.Selvaraj,
Additional Government Pleader



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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for direction to the respondents to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner dated 07.08.2025 seeking grant of promotion of Forest Guard with effect from 31.05.2004 instead of 20.12.2014.

2. The petitioner was appointed as Social Forestry Worker on 09.10.1983. Thereafter he was not granted any promotion and as such, he filed writ petition before this Court in WP.No.39 of 2016. This Court issued direction and in compliance of the order passed by this Court, the Government issued letter dated 16.03.2017 granting promotion to the petitioner as Forest Watcher with retrospective effect from 24.01.1995 and he retired from service on 30.09.2016. After period of nine years, the petitioner submitted representation seeking promotion to the post of Forest Guard with effect from 31.05.2004. He kept quiet for nine years from the date of his retirement and also during his service he did not take any step to seek promotion from the year 2004. Therefore, on the ground of lapse alone, the writ petition is liable to be dismissed.



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3. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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