



W.P.No.44098 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 13.11.2025

CORAM:

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

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L.Govindarajan

... Petitioner

-Vs-

1. Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Represented By Its Additional Chief Secretary to Government,  
Environmental, Climate Change and Forest (FR.2) Department,  
Secretariat,  
Chennai- 600 009.

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

... Respondents

**Prayer :** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to include the petitioner name in the post of Forester for the year 2011-2012, give promotion to the petitioners to the post of Forester on par with his juniors (ie.) 18.04.2013 without insisting for completion of Vaigai Dam Training within specified period and in the light of the order passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No.40881 of 2016 dated 22.11.2016 same was affirmed by Division bench in W.A.No.2682 of 2019 dated 07.07.2021 and same was confirmed by the Supreme Court



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SLP (Civil) Diary No.(S).27674 of 2022 dated 26.09.2022 with all consequential service and monetary benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mani  
For Respondents : Mr.C.Selvaraj  
Additional Government Pleader

### **ORDER**

This Writ Petition has been filed for direction directing the respondents to include the petitioner name in the post of Forester for the year 2011-2012, give promotion to the petitioners to the post of Forester on par with his juniors (ie.) 18.04.2013 without insisting for completion of Vaigai Dam Training within specified period and in the light of the order passed by this Hon'ble Court in W.P. No.40881 of 2016 dated 22.11.2016 same was affirmed by Division bench in W.A.No.2682 of 2019 dated 07.07.2021 and same was confirmed by the Supreme Court SLP (Civil) Diary No.(S).27674 of 2022 dated 26.09.2022 with all consequential service and monetary benefits.

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



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3. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner's name was not included in the promotion panel for the year 2011-2012. It is submitted by both sides that for similarly situated persons, the same has been implemented and the SLP filed against the said order has also been dismissed. Hence, the petitioner seeks a direction to the respondents to include his name in the panel for promotion.

4. The only contention of the learned Additional Government Pleader is that the petitioner has not undergone training at Vaigai Dam. Therefore, now his request cannot be considered.

5. It is relevant to note that this Court, in an identical case in W.P.No.40881 of 2016 by an order dated 22.11.2016, has held that the petitioners have not been deputed to Vaigai Dam Training for a long time and if the department fails to post them at a particular place for training, the employee could not be blamed for the same and hence, directed the respondents to include the name of the petitioner in the promotion panel for the year 2011-2012 and promote them as Foresters from the date on which their juniors were promoted on notional basis. The appeal filed



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against the said order in W.A.No.2682 of 2019 has been dismissed by the Division Bench of this Court by an order dated 07.07.2021. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation and the same was not considered.

6. In view of the above, the respondents are directed to include the name of the petitioner in the promotion panel for the year 2011-2012 and promote him as a Forester from the date on which his juniors were promoted on notional basis, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. With the above direction, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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