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W.M.P. Nos.55051, 55052
and 55053 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18.12.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

W.M.P. Nos.55051, 55052 and 55053 of 2025

in

W.P. No.49283 of 2025

R. Christopher Raja

Petitioner

Vs

1. The District of Municipal Administration
No.75, Santhome High Road, MRC Nagar,
Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai- 28.

2.The Commissioner
Vellore City Municipal Corporation,
Vellore- 632 001.

Respondents

For petitioner : Mr. T. Ranganathan

For respondents : Mr.C. Selvaraj

Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1

Ms.P.S. Praba for R2

ORDER

Mr.C. Selvaraj, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice for the 1st respondent and Ms.P.S. Praba, learned counsel takes notice for the 2nd respondent.



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2. It is stated that the petitioner was initially appointed as a Work Inspector and thereafter served in various Municipalities including Dindigul and Ambur. Presently, the petitioner is working as a Junior Engineer in Vellore City Municipal Corporation and due to retire from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2025.

3. While so, shockingly, the 1st respondent has issued the impugned transfer order in Na.Ka.No.26293/2025/GA2 dated 12.12.2025, transferring the petitioner to Villupuram Municipality, hardly a few days prior to his retirement. Aggrieved by the same, this writ petition has been filed seeking quashment of the said transfer order dated 12.12.2025 and for consequential directions.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the impugned transfer order issued to the petitioner is per se illegal and contrary to the Government Orders viz., G.O.(Ms) No.10, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, dated 07.01.1994 and Government Letter No.23847/S/98-1, Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department, dated 05.08.1998, which prohibit transfers of Government servants who are due to retire within a short



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period. He further submitted that due to issuance of such transfer order that too on the verge of petitioner's retirement on superannuation would certainly deprive the petitioner from getting his retirement benefits. Therefore, he prayed for grant of interim stay in the above regard.

5. However, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the 1st respondent seeks time to get instructions.

6. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court is of the view that the petitioner has made out a prima facie case for grant of interim stay. Accordingly, there shall be an order of interim stay as prayed for.

7. The respondents are directed to file their counter.

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