



Cont.P.(MD) No.376 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.03.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

Cont.P.(MD) No.376 of 2025

in

W.P.(MD) No.18012 of 2024

P.Kumaravel

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.Dr.P.Senthil Kumar, IAS,
The Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Climate Change and Forest Department,
Secretariat, Fort St.George,
Chennai, Tamil Nadu – 600 009.

2.Srinivas R.Reddy, I.F.S.,
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
& Head of Forests,
Velachery Main Road, Guindy,
Chennai – 600 032.
Tamil Nadu State.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to initiate contempt proceedings against the contemnors herein for the non-compliance of the order passed by this Court in W.P.(MD) No.18012 of 2024 dated 01.08.2024.



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For Petitioner : Mr.I.Kanna Patel
For Respondents : Mr.Ajmal Khan
Senior Counsel
Assisted by M/s.Farjana Ghoushia

ORDER

This contempt case has been filed complaining willful disobedience of the order dated 01.08.2024 in W.P.(MD)No.18012 of 2024.

2. While allowing the writ petition, this Court directed the respondents to regularize the service of the petitioner notionally after the completion of 10 years of service from the date of initial appointment as Plot Watcher and count the same along with the regular service for the purpose of pensionary benefits in the light of the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

3. The counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of the respondents, wherein, it is stated that in order to comply with the above



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order, dated 01.08.2024, proposal was sent to the Government by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests on 24.01.2025 and the Government has issued G.O.(2D)No.30, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.2.II) Department, dated 26.02.2025 regularizing the service of the petitioner subject to the out come of the writ appeal.

4. The learned senior counsel appearing for the respondents would submit that admittedly there is a delay in implementing the order of this Court within a time stipulated by this Court. The delay has been occurred due to the reason that the service particulars of the petitioner has been obtained from the various subordinates, wherein, he was worked. The learned senior counsel also submit that the respondents have tendered unconditional apology for the delay in their counter affidavit filed before this Court. The learned senior counsel further contends that by taking lenient view, this contempt petition may be closed.

5. Considering the fact that the Government has issued an order for regularizing the service of the petitioner vide G.O.(2D)No.30,



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Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.2.II) Department, dated 26.02.2025 and Considering the reasons stated for the delay in the counter affidavit and unconditional apology tendered by the respondents as bonafide, this Court intends to take lenient view for the delay caused in implementing the order of this Court.

6. In view of the above, in my considered view, no further adjudication is required in the present contempt petition.

7. Accordingly, this contempt petition is closed.

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