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W.P.(MD) No.15309 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 28.10.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

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P.Shanmugam

... Petitioner

-VS-

- 1.The Commissioner of
Elementary Education
Department of School Education
College Road, Chennai
- 2.The District Educational Officer
O/o.The District Educational Officer
Dindigul District, Dindigul
- 3.The Block Educational Officer
O/o.The Block Educational Officer
Reddiyarchatram, Dindigul District
- 4.The Accountant General
O/o.The Accountant General
(Accounts & Entitlements)
361, Anna Salai, Teynampet
Chennai-600 018

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned order passed by the 3rd respondent in his proceedings in Na.Ka.No. 345/A1/2016 dated 18.04.2016 (At the instance impugned order passed by the Assistant Elementary Educational Officer post is now re-designated as a 3rd respondent) and consequential impugned order passed by the 3rd respondent in his proceedings in O.Mu.No.345/A1/2016 dated 30.11.2020 and quash the same as illegal and consequently directing the respondents to disburse the benefit of Selection Grade from 01.06.2009 and disburse the said benefits with an accrued interest thereof within the period that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.H.Mohammed Imran
for M/s.Ajmal Associates

For Respondents : Mr.S.Shaji Bino
Special Government Pleader for R1 to R3
Mr.P.Gunasekaran
Standing Counsel for R4



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ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the impugned order dated 18.04.2016, passed by the third respondent, cancelling the selection grade awarded to the petitioner in the cadre of Elementary School Headmaster as early as on 07.11.2009.

2. The petitioner has primarily challenged the impugned order, on the ground of violation of the principles of natural justice. He would submit that even though he was awarded selection grade in the cadre of Elementary School Headmaster as early as on 07.11.2009, the same has been cancelled under the impugned order dated 18.04.2016, passed by the third respondent, after a lapse of more than six years, without issuing any notice to him and therefore, according to the petitioner, the impugned order dated 18.04.2016 has been passed in violation of the principles of natural justice. The petitioner also contends that the Government Letter dated 14.06.2012, relied upon by the respondents under the impugned order, has no applicability to his case, since the said letter cannot be applied retrospectively.



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matter is remanded back to the very same respondent for fresh consideration of the matter on merits and in accordance with law. The petitioner is directed to submit his detailed explanation to the third respondent as to why the selection grade awarded to him in the cadre of Elementary School Headmaster as early as on 07.11.2009 itself cannot be cancelled, within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On receipt of such representation within the stipulated time, the third respondent shall pass final orders on merits and in accordance with law, after giving due consideration to the explanation submitted by the petitioner, within a period of twelve weeks thereafter.

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

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ABDUL QUDDHOSE, J.

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