



W.P.(MD).No.15484 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 06.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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Samiappan

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary,
Water Resource Department (WRD),
Fort St. George,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Engineer in Chief (WRD) and Chief Engineer (General),
Water Resources Department,
Kamarajar Salai,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
3. The Chief Engineer (WRD),
Water Resource Department,
Coimbatore Region,
Coimbatore.
4. The Superintendent Engineer (WRD),
Water Resource Department,
Amaravathi Basin Circle,
Palani,
Dindigul District.



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5. The Executive Engineer (WRD),
Water Resource Department,
Nangangiyaru Basin Circle,
Palani,
Dindigul District.

6. The Assistant Executive Engineer (WRD),
Kudanaru Circle,
Vedasanthur,
Dindigul District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents to grant the pay fixation and seniority with effect from 25.12.1996 on completion of 10 years of service and to pay the actual monetary benefits with effect from the date of issue of G.O. Ms. No.334 Public Works (C2) Department dated 19.10.2007.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Kannan

For Respondents : Mr.K.Balasubramani

Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to grant the pay fixation and seniority with effect from 25.12.1996 on completion of 10 years of service and to pay the actual monetary benefits with effect from the date of issuance of G.O. Ms. No.334 Public Works (C2) Department dated 19.10.2007.



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2. By consent of both parties, this writ petition is disposed at the stage of admission itself.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that though some grounds are raised by the petitioner seeking for the aforesaid relief, now, he confines the prayer that it would suffice if the representation of the petitioner is disposed of in accordance with law. The petitioner has made a representation to the respondents dated 04.02.2025 seeking for the aforesaid relief.

4. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon him to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.



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5. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the second respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 04.02.2025, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is also made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the matter and that it is open to the respondents to consider the same on its own merits.

6. With the above observations and directions, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

NCC : Yes/No
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