



W.P.(MD)No.16178 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 14.10.2025

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ABDUL QUDDHOSE

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and

W.M.P.(MD)Nos.13574 & 22621 of 2023

V.Jayarangan

: Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Water Resource Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Secretariat, Chennai – 600 009.

3.The Engineer-in-Chief,
Water Resource Department and Chief Engineer (General),
Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.

4.The Engineer-in-Chief,
Public Works Department and Chief Engineer (Buildings) General,
Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.

: Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to promote the petitioner to the post of Chief Personnel Officer notionally with effect from the date on which the petitioner's junior was promoted and to grant all attendant and other monitory benefits within a stipulated time may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Saravanakumar

For Respondents : Mr.A.Baskaran,
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for a Mandamus seeking for a direction to the respondents to promote the petitioner to the post of Chief Personnel Officer, notionally with effect from the date on which the petitioner's junior was promoted.

2.Admittedly, the petitioner has retired from service. He seeks notional promotion in this Writ Petition. The law is well settled by the decision rendered by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of ***Government of West Bengal Vs. Dr.Amal Satpathi*** reported in



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2024 SCC Online SC 3512, wherein it has been clearly held that a person who has retired from service cannot seek for notional promotion.

3.In view of the settled position of law, the question of entertaining this Writ Petition does not arise, since the petitioner does not have any legal right.

4.Accordingly, this Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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