



W.P.(MD)No.29346 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED :10.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K.SURENDER

W.P.(MD)No.29346 of 2025

and

WMP (MD) Nos.22676 and 22677 of 2025

S.Karpagam

...Petitioner

Vs

1. The Tamil Nadu State Information Commission,
Represented by the Assistant Registrar,
Block No.19,
Government Farm Village,
Pernpet,
Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.

2. The Deputy Inspector General of Registration,
Registration Department,
Ramanathapuram Zone,
Vandikkara Street,
Ramanathapuram,
Ramanathapuram District.

3. Venkataraman Parthasarathy

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of CERTIORARI calling for the records relating to



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respondent. The letter seeking information under the RTI Act was filed by the third respondent. Since no reply was furnished by the petitioner, the third respondent approached the first respondent. The first respondent, after conducting a preliminary inquiry, found that the information was not provided and directed the initiation of action under Section 20 of the RTI Act.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner did not hold the office at the relevant time and had provided an explanation to the first respondent in this regard. However, without considering the same, the first respondent passed the impugned order.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and since the departmental proceedings have already been initiated and are underway, this Court is of the view that the petitioner can raise all his contentions during the course of the inquiry. Questions of fact, such as whether the petitioner was responsible for not furnishing the information or any other defense taken by the petitioner, can only be determined during the inquiry proceedings. In view of the same, no *prima facie* error is found in the impugned order.



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6. Accordingly, this writ petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(K.SURENDER, J)
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