

DATED: 06.02.2026

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN

Writ Petition Nos.3675, 3678 and 3681 of 2026

Radhathi v

... Petitioner in all the petitions

Vs.

1. The Second Appellate Authority

The Tamil Nadu State Information Commission,
Block No.19, Government Farm Village,
Panepet, Nandanam, Chennai 600035.

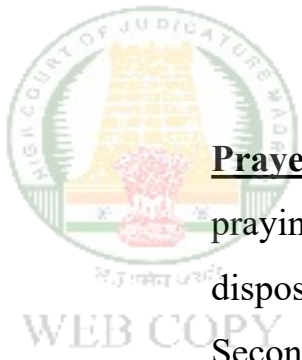
2.The First Appellate Authority And

The Superintendent Of Police,
The office of the Superintendent of Police,
Vengikkal, Tiruvannamalai 606 604.

3.The Public Information Officer

The Additional Superintendent Of Police,
The office of the Superintendent of Police,
Vengikkal, Tiruvannamalai 606604.

... Respondents in all the petitions



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Prayer: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, direction to the first respondent to dispose of the (i) Second Appeal bearing No. SA.829/SCIC/2024, (ii) Second Appeal bearing No. SA.830/SCIC/2024 and (iii) Second Appeal bearing No. SA.18645/SCIC/2022 respectively which is pending before the first respondent, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Prabhu Saravana
(in all the petitions)

For Respondents : Mr.C.Vigneshwaran, Standing Counsel
(in all the petitions) for R1

Mr.Meganathan,
Government Advocate (Crl. Side)
for RR 2 and 3

COMMON ORDER

The petitioner in all the three Writ Petitions is the appellant before the Tamil Nadu State Information Commission in the following Appeals:

- (i) SA No.829/SCIC/2024
- (ii) SA No.830/SCIC/2024 and
- (iii) SA No.18645/SCIC/2022



2. The grievance of the petitioner is that post the preliminary direction given by the State Information Commission, the Public Information Officer has given certain information, which is unsatisfactory. According to him, the information furnished by the 3rd respondent does not satisfy the queries posed by him. Being a senior citizen, he is before this Court seeking for expeditious disposal of the aforesaid Appeals.

3. When the matter came up for admission, Mr.C.Vigneshwaran, Standing Counsel for the first respondent took notice. He drew the attention of this Court to two circulars issued by the Tamil Nadu Information Commission on 02.02.2018 and 11.08.2025 respectively. For ready reference, the Circulars are scanned and extracted hereunder:



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RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT-2015

TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

No.2, Thiyagaraya Salai, Teynampet, Chennai - 600018.

Circular No.06, Dated: 02.02.2015

Sub: Tamil Nadu Information Commission - Appeals filed by Senior Citizens - Early hearing of Second Appeals - Orders - Issued.

Under the powers vested with the State Chief Information Commissioner in section 15(4) of RTI Act 2015, it is hereby ordered that if a Senior Citizen aged 60 years and above, files an appeal / complaint to the Commission with identity for proof of age (viz., date of birth certificate issued by any Government Institution / Agency / Local Body, like Identity Card, Ration Card, PAN Card, Aadhar Card, Driving Licence, Passport, Educational certificate, certificate from Local Bodies like Panchayat / Corporation / Municipality, or any other authentic and recognised document), then such appeal / complaint shall be taken up for hearing preferably within 8 weeks on priority basis before the Commissioners concerned.

S.ASHOK KUMAR,
SECRETARY.

To
The Principal Private Secretary to The State Chief Information Commissioner,
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai-18.
All Private Secretary to The State Information Commissioners,
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai-18.
The Secretary / Registrar / Legal Officer, Under Secretary (Admin.)
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai-18,
Asst. Registrar - I/II/III, Tamil Nadu Information Commission,
Chennai-18.
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RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT-2005

TAMILNADU INFORMATION COMMISSION
No.19, Government Farm Village, Pernpet,
Chennai 600 035.

Circular No.20/Admin.I/2025, Dated:11.08.2025

Sub: Tamil Nadu Information Commission -
Appeals filed by Senior Citizens- Early
hearing of Second Appeals - Instruction -
Issued.

Ref: Tamil Nadu Information Commission
Circular No.06, dated:02.02.2018.

In the Circular cited above (copy enclosed) orders are issued, if a Senior Citizen aged 60 years and above, files an Appeal/ Complaint petition to the Commission, it should be taken up for hearing preferably within 8 weeks, on priority basis by the Commissioners concerned.

2. In continuation of the circular cited, it has been discussed during the weekly review meeting chaired by the SCIC along with the Commissioners and orders that if a Senior Citizen aged 80 years and above, files an Appeal/ Complaint petition to the Commission the State Information Commissioners are requested to take up the case for the hearing on priority with identification for proof of age and as per seniority.

**M.MURUGAN
SECRETARY**

To

The Principal Private Secretary to State Chief Information Commissioner,
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai - 35.

All Senior Private Secretaries and

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Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai - 35.

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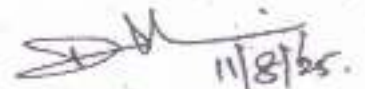
Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai - 35.

Under Secretary/ Assistant Registrars,

Tamil Nadu Information Commission, Chennai - 35.

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4. He states that the Chief Information Commissioner has directed the Registry of the Commission to ensure that in case a petitioner/appellant before the State Information Commission is a senior citizen, such cases should be given priority and the matter is to be disposed of preferably within a period of 8 weeks.

5. Mr.C.Vigneswaran states that applying the aforesaid circular issued pursuant to the directions of the Chief Information Commissioner, the three Appeals with which we are concerned in this petition, would be given priority listing and disposed of before the second week of April 2026.

6. The statement made by the Standing Counsel is recorded. The Information Commission shall dispose of the Appeals before the second week of April 2026. This direction is given on account of the fact that the petitioner is a senior citizen and would be covered by Circular No.6 dated 02.02.2018.



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7. The Writ Petitions are disposed of with the above direction. There

shall be no order as to costs.

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