IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

W.A. No. 1037 of 2021
and C.M.P.No.6540 of 2021

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(Appellant Nos.12 and 13 impleaded vide order dated 22.01.2026 made in C.M.P.No.20820 of 2024 in W.A.No.1037 of 2021 by SMSJ and CKJ) ..Appellant(s)

Vs

1. State of Tamil Nadu
   Represented by Secretary to Government,
   Commercial Taxes and Registration
   Department, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009

2. The Inspector General of Registration
   Chennai-600 028

3. The Registration Department SC/ ST
and B.C. Employees General Welfare Sangam,
rep by its General Secretary, No.18, Luz
Church Road, Pattinampakkam, Chennai-28

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Writ Appeal is filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent to set aside the order dated 23-12-2020 made in W.P..No.17652 of 2020

For Appellant(s): Mr. A.L.Somayaji, Senior Counsel
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for appellant Nos. 1 to 11

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For R1 and R2

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JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was delivered by S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.)

Mr.A.L.Somayaji, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the appellants fairly made a submission that the issue raised in the present intra-court appeal is regarding retrospective promotion to be granted in view of the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court. The said issue is no longer *res integra* and decided by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court in a batch of Writ Appeals in W.A.(MD) Nos.1522 of 2022, etc., dated 12.12.2023.

2. The relevant paragraphs of the said judgment are extracted hereunder:-

> **29.** Therefore, the Honourable Supreme Court has clearly indicated that the Judgment would be applicable to the Tamil Nadu Revenue Subordinate Service also. More so, as we have pointed out earlier, the Government Order in G.O.(Ms).No.87, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Services Wing, [Ser.3(2)] Section, dated 06.03.2019, and the consequential Circular, dated 29.06.2019, are *sub judice* before the Honorable Supreme Court in S.L.P.(C).No.3792 of 2021. Even the revised temporary panel of Deputy Tahsildar is subject to the final orders to be passed by the Honourable Supreme Court in the said Special Leave Petition. However, at present, the revised temporary panel of Deputy Tahsildar is inconsonance with the Tamil Nadu Revenue Subordinate Service Rules, which is upheld by the Apex Court in its Judgment dated 11.09.2018. The said Judgment is to be given effect to with effect from 11.09.2018, since the Judgments are to be implemented retrospectively is the settled principle. Thus, the arguments advanced by the learned counsels for the respondents / writ petitioners, in this context, deserve no merit consideration.
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> **31.** While implementing the rule of reservation with retrospective effect, the consequence would be that many number of Scheduled Case / Scheduled Tribe candidates, whose names were not included earlier, will get an

opportunity with retrospective effect in the revised temporary panel. That exactly is the reason why in the revised temporary panel, several Scheduled Case / Scheduled Tribe candidates' names have been included. This being the offshoot of the implementation of the rule of reservation, we do not find any infirmity in the revised temporary panel prepared by the District Collectors concerned.

3. The said judgment relates to the Revenue Department and therefore, the principles and Service Rules applicable are to be applied *mutatis mutandis* to the Department of Registration also.

4. It is brought to the notice of this Court that the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India has already dismissed the Special Leave Petition filed in S.L.P. (C) No.3792 of 2021, on 01.08.2024. Therefore, the panel prepared by the Government granting retrospective effect is to be implemented. Hence, no further interference is called for with respect to the order of the Writ Court. Consequently, the Writ Appeal stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. The connected Miscellaneous Petition is also closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (C.K.,J.)
22-01-2026

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Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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