



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

WP No. 6668 of 2022

and

WMP Nos. 6741 & 6738 of 2022

Renuka Lakshmi

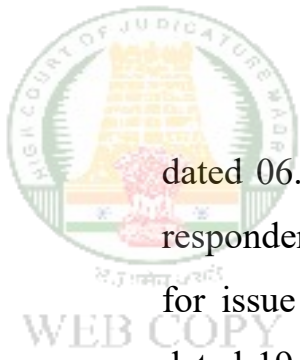
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu,
Functioning at Room No.1,
Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium,
Egmore, Chennai- 600 008.
Rep by its President.
2. Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu,
Functioning at Room No.1,
Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium,
Egmore, Chennai- 600 008,
Rep by its vice President.
3. The Secretary,
Hockey India, Functioning at B-1/E14,
Ground Floor, Mohan Co- Operative Industrial
Estate, 1km. ahead of Metro Station,
Madura Road, New Delhi- 110 044
India.
4. Tami Nadu Olympic Association,
No.78, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium,
Syden Hams Road, Periyamet,
Chennai- 600 003.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records pertaining to the issue of the Memorandum of charges by the 1st respondent,



dated 06.01.2022 and the consequent communication issued by the very same respondent dated 26.01.2022 in declining to entertain the Petitioner's requisition for issue of audio and video recording of the Executive Committee Meeting dated 19.04.2021 and 14.11.2021 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to restore the Petitioner's office premises occupied by her in her capacity as General Secretary.

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.D.Ashok Kumar

For Respondent(s) : Mr.M.Dinesh for R1 & 2
Mr.V.P.Sengottuvel,
Senior Counsel
for Mr.S.Chella Pandi for R3
No appearance for R4

ORDER

Challenge was made against the memorandum of charges dated 06.01.2022 issued against the petitioner and the consequent communication dated 26.01.2022, declining to entertain the Petitioner's requisition for issuance of audio and video recording of the Executive Committee Meeting dated 19.04.2021 and 14.11.2021.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the first respondent is a registered society, whose management and administration are solely governed by the By-laws of the first respondent. This being so, in the year 2019, the petitioner was elected as General Secretary in the said society. However, on 10.09.2021, she was placed under suspension for allegedly acting



against the interests of the first respondent. This was followed by a charge memo on 06.01.2022, containing nine specific charges. In her defense, the petitioner requested the audio and video recordings of the minutes dated 19.06.2021 and 14.11.2021. This request was subsequently declined by the President of the first respondent via a communication dated 26.01.2022. Aggrieved by this refusal and the issuance of the charge memo dated 06.01.2022, the petitioner has preferred the present Writ Petition.

3. At this juncture, learned senior counsel appearing for the first respondent would submit that a two-member disciplinary committee was initially constituted to enquire into the charges against the petitioner. However, this Court, by its order dated 25.03.2022, directed the respondents to proceed with the enquiry but instructed them not to conclude the same prior to the next date of hearing. Subsequently, during an Executive Board Meeting of the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu held on 25.11.2022, the Committee decided to drop all charges against the petitioner following the assumption of office by new office bearers. For better appreciation, the relevant portion of the minutes is extracted below:

“10. Not to continue with the pending disciplinary proceedings with Mrs.Renukalakshmi since the tenure of the office bearers who assumed office on 15.09.2019 shall end on 14.09.2022 including Mrs.Renukalakshmi's Secretaryship.”



4. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

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5. A cursory reading of the memorandum of charges dated 06.01.2022 issued to the respondent against the petitioner would reveal that all charges are relating to the scope of work of the petitioner. No charge is pertaining to the scope beyond her work. Therefore, it is clear that the petitioner had discharged the duty within the scope of her work. In such case, even assuming that the charges are proved and the same would have been within the scope of her work and thus, there is no fault on the part of the petitioner.

6. When such being the case, keeping all the above aspects in mind, in the Executive Board Meeting of the Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu, held on 25.11.2022, it was decided to drop all the charges against the petitioner following the assumption of office by the new Office bearers. The relevant portion of the minutes of meeting, viz., paragraph No.10, was already extracted at paragraph No.3 of this order.

7. Thus, as on date, there is no charge against the petitioner, since it was already dropped by the Executive Board as early as on 25.11.2022. Hence, the memorandum of charges issued against the petitioner is liable to be quashed. Accordingly, it is hereby quashed.



8. In the result, this writ petition is allowed. In view of the above order, the enquiry officers, appointed by the Committee, will also be discharged from their duties and they are entitled for remuneration for their service. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are also closed.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To:

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2. The Vice-president,
Hockey Unit of Tamil Nadu
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