



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-02-2026

CORAM

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D.BHARATHA CHAKRAVARTHY

WP No. 5531 of 2026

D.Devarajan

..Petitioner

Vs

1. The District Collector,
O/o. Collectorate Office,
Villupuram District.
2. The Sub Collector /
Revenue Divisional Officer,
Gingee, Tindivanam,
Villupuram District.
3. Shantha
4. Balamurugan
5. Adhilakshmi
6. Prabhavathy

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to dispose of petitioner's appeal dated 05.06.2023 U/s.16 of Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizen Act, 2007 filed as against the order of the second respondent herein proceedings in Na.Ka.A3/7761/2022 dated 20.02.2023 within a stipulated period of time.

For Petitioner:

Mr.A.Rajeshkanna

For Respondents:

Mr.A.M.Ayyadurai

Government Advocate for R1 & R2



ORDER

The prayer of the petitioner is to dispose of the petitioner's appeal dated 05.06.2023 under Section 16 of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

2. On a perusal of the said appeal, instead of addressing the appeal to the District Collector, it is addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister's Special Cell. The Copy is marked to the District Collector. Therefore the appeal is also preferred to the District Collector at the relevant point of time, though the form is wrong.

3. In view thereof, this writ petition is *disposed of* on the following terms:

(i) The petitioner shall once again prepare a clean copy of the appeal and within one week from the date of receipt of the web copy of the order, without waiting for the certified copy of the order, file the same before the District Collector by duly enclosing the earlier representation dated 05.06.2023.

(ii) Upon receipt of the said appeal, the same shall be treated as within time and by issuing notice to the petitioner as well as the concerned parties, enquiry shall be conducted in the appeal in the manner known to law and the same shall be disposed of as expeditiously as possible, in any event not later



than five months from the date of receipt of the appeal from the petitioner.

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(iii) No costs.

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To

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2. The Sub Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer
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