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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE KRISHNASWAMY GOVINDARAJAN

WP No. 29114 of 2013
and M.P.No.1 of 2013
CNR: {HCMA010383882013}

M.Karthikeyan
Librarian Grade I,
District Central Library,
Cherry Road,
Asthampatti Po.,
Salem.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu
   Rep. By The Secretary To Government,
   Education, Science & Technology Department,
   Secretariat, Chennai-9

2. The Director Of Public
   Libraries, Chennai-2

3. The District Library
   Officer, Salem

4. The District Treasury Officer
   Salem.

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of certiorari calling for the records on the file of the 2nd respondent herein in Na. Ka. No.14283/ A1/ 2010 dated 28.8.2013 and to quash the same.

For Petitioner(s): Ms. Srinithi.M
for M.Ravi

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Pradeep

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Government Advocate

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed challenging the order dated 28.08.2013 passed by the second respondent in Na.Ka.No.14283/A1/2010.

2. It is the case of the writ petitioner that he was originally appointed as Librarian Grade – III on 28.09.1988 and promoted as Librarian Grade – II on 17.10.2002 and thereafter, promoted as Librarian Grade – I on 01.08.2004. As per the sanctioned pay, he is receiving salary till such time. All of a sudden, on the basis of an order dated 07.10.2013, enclosing an impugned order dated 28.08.2013, the date of promotion of the petitioner was changed to Librarian Grade-II and Grade-I and consequentially, pay fixation was altered to that effect. The above said alteration of date of promotion or the pay fixation was done without giving any opportunity or notice to the writ petitioner. Challenging the same, the writ petitioner is before this Court by way of this writ petition.

3. The respondent has filed a detailed counter in which it is stated that the change in date of promotion and pay fixation was done only subsequent to the orders passed by this Court in various writ petitions. The respondent further stated that now the matter is pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and hence prays for the dismissal of the writ petition.

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4. On perusal of the records, this Court finds that no notice or opportunity was given to the writ petitioner before issuing the impugned order. On the basis of violation of the principles of natural justice, the order impugned in this writ petition is set aside and the matter is remitted back to the second respondent. This Court further observes that there is no need for any personal hearing to the writ petitioner. However, the second respondent is directed to give one opportunity to the writ petitioner to submit his written explanation. The petitioner shall co-operate with the second respondent and submit his written explanation forthwith. After receiving the explanation from the petitioner, the second respondent is directed to pass a fresh order in accordance with law uninfluenced by any of the observations made by this Court in this writ petition, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above observations and directions, this Writ Petition is disposed. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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To:

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2. The Director Of Public Libraries,
   Chennai-2.

3. The District Library Officer,
   Namakkal

4. The District Treasury Officer
   Namakkal

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