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W.P.No.6806 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 19.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**W.P.No.6806 of 2026
and W.M.P.Nos.7383 and 7384 of 2026**

M.Thirukumaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission,
Represented by the Under Secretary,
TNPSC Road, V.O.C.Nagar,
Park Town, Chennai-600 003.

2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep.by its Principal Secretary,
Energy Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009.

3.The Inspector of Police,
Anti-Corruption Branch,
CBI, No.26, Haddows Road,
Shastri Bhawan, 3rd Floor,
Nungambakkam,
Chennai-600 006.

...Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to the orders of the first respondent in Memorandum



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No.420/PSD-D1/2017 dated 30.12.2024 and that of the consequential order of the second respondent in G.O.(Ms).No.03, Energy (OP-1) Department dated 27.01.2025, to quash the same and to consequently, direct the respondents to reinstate the petitioner back in service and to restore all accrued service and attendant benefits thereto.

For Petitioner : Mr.L.Chandrakumar

For Respondents : Mr.B.Vijay for R1
Mr.P.Balathandayutham
Special Government Pleader for R2 and R3

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the proceedings of the first respondent in Memorandum No.420/PSD-D1/2017 dated 30.12.2024 and that of the consequential order of the second respondent in G.O.(Ms).No.03, Energy (OP-1) Department dated 27.01.2025, and for a consequential direction to the respondents to reinstate the petitioner back in service and to restore all accrued service and attendant benefits thereto.



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2. The petitioner was appointed as Assistant in the second respondent

Department and also his services came to be regularized from the date of initial appointment. While so, he was placed under suspension by proceedings dated 06.02.2020 on the basis that he is in suspect list in respect of irregularities committed in TNPSC Group-II A 2017 Examination. The petitioner has challenged the suspension order in W.P.No.21924 of 2022 which was disposed of with a direction to consider the review of the suspension order in accordance with G.O.Ms.No.81 dated 04.08.2022. Pursuant to the same, the second respondent passed an order dated 19.04.2023 stating that the continuance of suspension is required as the criminal case is pending with CBI for further investigation. The said order was challenged in W.P.No.17091 of 2023. This Court, vide order dated 18.07.2023, set aside the order of suspension and directed the respondents to post the petitioner in a non-sensitive post. While so, even without revocation of suspension, the first respondent, vide proceedings dated 30.12.2024 had chosen to cancel the selection and permanently debarred from taking part in future service commission examinations and by a consequential order of the second respondent dated 27.01.2025, the



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petitioner was discharged from service with immediate effect. Challenging the said order, the petitioner has filed this writ petition.

3. In similar circumstances, this Court where the writ petitions filed by the similarly placed persons in W.P.Nos.2889 of 2025 etc., which were disposed of by this Court on 05.02.2026, passed the following order:-

“48. For the reasons aforesaid, all the writ petitions are allowed with the following directions:

i) The respective impugned orders passed by the Commission cancelling the provisional selection and allotment and invalidating the OMR answer sheet of the petitioners are set aside;

ii) The impugned orders passed by the respective appointing authorities removing the respective petitioners from service are also set aside holding that the said orders are passed without following the service rules and in violation of principles of natural justice;

iii) The respective appointing authorities are directed to reinstate the petitioners in service forthwith and upon such reinstatement, if so advised, the respective appointing authorities are at liberty to initiate disciplinary action against the respective petitioners for the delinquency, alleged to have been committed by



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the petitioners and proceed against the respective petitioners in accordance with the relevant service rules governing the petitioners;

iv) If disciplinary proceedings have already been initiated against any of the petitioners, then the appointing authorities shall take steps to conclude the disciplinary proceedings initiated as expeditiously as possible in accordance with the relevant service rules governing the said petitioners;

v) The Commission is at liberty to proceed against the petitioners subject to the outcome of the criminal trial;

vi) Upon cognizance being taken of the charge sheet by the concerned Court, the trial court is directed to proceed with the said trial and complete the same as expeditiously as possible and the petitioners herein are directed to cooperate with the trial court for completion of the trial as expeditiously as possible;

vii) The CBI is directed to place a copy of this order before the concerned trial court before which the charge sheet is pending cognizance so as to enable the concerned Court to proceed forthwith with the matter in accordance with law;

viii) Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.”



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4. Following the same, this Writ Petition is allowed on the same terms. There shall be no order as to costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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NCC: Yes / No
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