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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 C.KUMARAPPAN

WP No. 10374 of 2023

and

WMP Nos.10337 & 10338 of 2023

A.Sindhanai Valavan
S/o. Aranga Ayarivan,
Assistant Geologist(Now Placed under suspension),
Water Resource Department,
Tiruvannamalai Water Resource Division,
Tiruvannamalai.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Government of TamilNadu
   Rep. by its Secretary,
   Water Resource Department,
   Secretariat Building, St. Geroge Fort,
   Chennai - 600 009.

2. The Government of Tamilnadu,
   Rep. by the its Secretary,
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3. The Chief Engineer, WRD,
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   Department of Water Resources,
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4. The Superintending Engineer,
   Land Water Circle,
   Department of water Resources,
   Taramani, Chennai - 600 113.

5. The Executive Engineer,
   Water Supply Sector,
   Water Resource Department,
   Katpadi, Vellore - 632 006.

6. The Assistant Director(Geology),
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7. The Inspector Of Police,
   Vigilance And Anti-corruption, Tiruvannamalai District.

(R-7 is Suo-motu Impleaded Vide Order of this Court
dated 24/04/2023)

..Respondent(s)

Prayer :- This writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a wring of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records on the file of the 3rd respondents in Proceedings No. E2(2)/8488/2022 dated 29.09.2022 and order issued by the 3rd Respondent in Memorandum No. E2(2)/8488/2023 dated 09.03.2023 quash the same and to issue consequential directions to the Respondents to reinstate the petitioner in service.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. S.Sai Shankar,

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For Respondent(s): Mr. A.r.Suresh,
SGP, for R1 to R7

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This writ petition has been filed to quash the proceedings of the third respondent in Memorandum No.E2(2)/8488/2022 dated 29.09.2022 and Memorandum No.E2(2)/8488/2023 dated 09.03.2023 and to issue a consequential direction to the respondents to reinstate the petitioner in service.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that on account of the corruption case, the petitioner was placed under suspension. The learned counsel would further submit that today, in a criminal prosecution in Spl.C.C.No.20 of 2025, the petitioner was acquitted by the District and Sessions Judge, Tiruvannamalai.

3. This fact was also endorsed by the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

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4. In such view of the above factual position, without going into the merits of the writ petition, this Court directs the third respondent to review the suspension in accordance with applicable rules, on its own merits and in accordance with law. The aforesaid exercise shall be completed within a period of four(4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In the event of revocation of the suspension, the authorities are directed to post the petitioner in a non-sensitive post, pending disposal of the departmental proceedings.

5. With the above directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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