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WP No. 10542 of 2



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 10542 of 2024

and WMP Nos. 11561 and 11562 of 2024

R.Karunanithi
Dominic Savio Higher Secondary School,
London's Mission Road,
Tirupattur 635 601 Tirupattur District

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Government Of Tamilnadu
Rep. By Its Principal Secretary,
Department Of School Education,
Fort St. George, Chennai 9
2. The Director Of School Education
DPI Campus, College Road, Chennai-600 006.
3. The Chief Educational Officer
Office Of The Chief Educational Officer ,
Collectorate, 5th Floor, Thirupathur 635 601
Thirupathur District
4. The District Educational Officer
The Office Of The District Educational
Officer , Opp. Fire Department Office,
Tirupattur 635 601 Tirupattur District
5. The Correspondent
Dominic Savio Higher Secondary School,
London's Mission Road, Tirupattur 635 601
Tirupattur District

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records



pertaining to the impugned order dated 24.01.2022 in A.Thi.Mu.No. 3271/ AA3/ 2021 on the file of the 3rd respondent, and quash the same directing the respondents 1 to 4 to accord approval to the appointment of the petitioner Mr. R.Karunanithi , working as Office Assistant in the 5th respondent Dominic Savio Higher Secondary School, Londons Mission Road, Tirupattur 635 601 Tirupattur District w.e.f. 1.07.2021 with all monetary and other service benefits.

For Petitioner(s): Dr. Fr.Xavier Arulraj, Senior Counsel

For Respondent(s): Mrs.S. Mythreye Chandru SGP For R1 To R4

No appearance for R5

ORDER

The petition has been filed to quash the impugned order dated 24.01.2022 in A.Thi.Mu.No. 3271/ AA3/ 2021 on the file of the 3rd respondent, and to direct the respondents 1 to 4 to accord approval to the appointment of the petitioner working as Office Assistant in the 5th respondent from 1.07.2021 with all monetary and other service benefits.

2. A mere perusal of the impugned order clearly indicate the fact that though the petitioner's application has to be considered by the fourth respondent, the impugned order was passed by the third respondent instead of forwarding the same to the fourth respondent. Therefore, the third respondent rejecting the application of the petitioner is *per se* arbitrary and that too, the order was passed without conducting an enquiry and without affording a



personal opportunity to the petitioner.

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3. In these circumstances, this Court finds that the impugned order has to be necessarily quashed and therefore, it is quashed. Therefore, the matter is remitted back to the fourth respondent for a fresh consideration. It is informed that the approval petition of the petitioner is still with the third respondent. Therefore, the third respondent is directed to forward the petitioner's application along with the other relevant documents to the fourth respondent within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the fourth respondent is directed to consider the same and pass orders on merits within a period of four weeks therefrom by following due process of law.

With the above directions, this writ petition is allowed. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions stand closed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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