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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06-04-2026

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

W.P. No. 12675 of 2026

K.Chitra
Headmistress,
Vinayagar Aided Elementary School,
Pandarathan Kadu, Pushpavanam
Vedaranyam Taluk

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Educational officer
Nagapattinam district
2. The District Educational officer
(Elementary Education),
Nagapattinam district
3. The Block Educational officer
Vedaranyam ,
Nagapattinam district
4. Special officer of Vinayagar Aided primary
School
Office of the Block Educational officer,
Vedaranyam
Nagapattinam district

..Respondent(s)



PRAYER: The Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to regularize the petitioner's appointment as Headmistress with effect from 01.06.2019 together with all consequential benefits including salary, increments, and entitlement by way of considering her representation dated 09.07.2024

For Petitioner(s): Mr. S.Kingston Jerold

For Respondent(s): Mrs.Mythreye Chandru
Special Government Pleader for R1 to R4

ORDER

The petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to regularize the petitioner's appointment as Headmistress with effect from 1.06.2019 together with all consequential benefits including salary, increments, and entitlement by way of considering her representation dated 09.07.2024.

2. The case of the petitioner is that she has been serving as a Secondary Grade Teacher in the 4th respondent School since 14.02.1996. Upon the retirement of the erstwhile Headmaster, she was appointed as Headmistress on 01.06.2019, by the School Management in accordance with the prevailing eligibility norms. Notwithstanding the same, the petitioner's promotion as



Headmistress was challenged by one Gajalakshmi in W.P.No.6634 of 2020.

This Court, vide order dated 27.02.2024, dismissed the Writ Petition, thereby affirming the petitioner's position. Even then the Educational Authorities have failed to regularize the petitioner's appointment, continuing to treat her as an 'in-charge' Headmistress. This inaction has resulted in the denial of her legitimate salary increments and other service benefits. Therefore, the petitioner subsequent representations dated 09.07.2024 and 03.03.2026 remain unconsidered till date. Aggrieved by the continued inaction of the respondents, the petitioner has preferred the present Writ Petition.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that the 4th respondent is the competent authority to consider the matter and pass appropriate orders.

4. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made on either side, this Court, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the 4th respondent to consider the petitioner's



representations dated 09.07.2024 and 03.03.2026 seeking regularisation of her appointment as Headmistress. The 4th respondent shall pass appropriate orders, on merits and in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner as well as the said Gajalakshmi, within a period of two (2) months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above directions. There shall be no order as to costs.

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