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W.P.Nos.30271 of 2016 and 10374 of 2011

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

W.P.Nos.30271 of 2016 and 10374 of 2011

and

**M.P.Nos.1, 2 and 3 of 2011, W.M.P.Nos.26273, 32393 & 35579 of 2016,
8806 & 8807 of 2017**

W.P.No.30271 of 2016

P.Narayanan
Municipal Commissioner, Grade-II
Palladam Municipality
Palladam
Tiruppur District.

... Petitioner

vs.

1. State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by the Principal Secretary to Government
Municipal Administration and Water Supply (M.E.1) Departmental
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
2. Thiru.B.V.Surendersha
Municipal Commissioner Grade-I
Poonamallee, Chennai-600 056.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records relating to order in No.23471/ME1/2015-8-22/8/16 dated 22.08.2016 passed by the

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1st respondent and quash the same and consequently, forbear the first respondent from granting further promotion to the 2nd respondent as Selection Grade Municipal Commissioner.

For Petitioner	:	Ms.AL.Ganthimathi Senior Advocate for Mr.Meenakshi Ganesan
For Respondents	:	Mr.V.Veluchamy Additional Government Pleader for R1 Mr.C.Vigneswaran, for R2

W.P.No.10374 of 2011

P.Narayanan
S/o.N.Pandian

... Petitioner

vs.

1. State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by the Principal Secretary to Government
Municipal Administration and Water (OP-I)
Supply Department, Secretariat,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Secretary to Government
Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department
Secretariat
Chennai-600 009.
3. Thiru.B.V.Surendersha
Commissioner
Perambalur Municipality
Perambalur.

... Respondents



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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records relating to the impugned order of the 1st respondent issued in G.O.Ms.No.222 Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department dated 29.09.2010 and quash the same.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.M.Gnanasekar
For Respondents	:	Mr.V.Veluchamy Additional Government Pleader for R1 & R2 Mr.C.Vigneswaran, for R3

COMMON ORDER

In both the writ petitions, the challenge is to the promotion of private respondent herein to the post of Municipal Commissioner Grade II.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties and perused the materials available on record.

3. The challenge is primarily on the ground that the petitioner did not possess the requisite qualification to be appointed as Municipal Commissioner Grade II, since he did not possess the degree and the post graduate degree obtained by the petitioner was not under the 10 + 2 + 3 pattern of education and therefore, is stated to be not valid and not

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recognised.

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4. The petitioner filed a writ petition in W.P.No.32972 of 2025 challenging the Letter No.11770/M.E.1/2011-9 dated 13.06.2022, where it was stated that that the appointment of two individuals namely, the private respondents therein including the private respondent herein have been revisited as per the orders of this Court dated 24.09.2020 in W.P.No.22058 of 2013 and that their appointment to the post of Municipal Commissioner Grade-II, was found to be in accordance with the requirements prescribed under the Special Rules for the Tamil Nadu Municipal Commissioner Subordinate Rules.

5. The Writ Court, vide order dated 29.08.2025, set side the said letter and directed the Secretary to the Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department, Secretariat, Chennai, to consider the matter afresh and pass orders, after issuing notice to the petitioner therein and also to the interested parties, and after affording them an opportunity of hearing.

6. Now, that the matter stands remitted to the first respondent to determine as to whether the private respondent possessed the requisite qualification to be appointed to the post of Municipal Commissioner Grade



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7. Inasmuch as the issue regarding the entitlement of the private respondent to promotion to the said post is presently seized of by the first respondent, nothing survives for adjudication before this Court

8. With the above observations, the captioned Writ Petitions stand disposed of. It is open to the parties to agitate their respective contentions before the first respondent. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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