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WP No.13231 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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Oruginaindha Manapparai Taluka Manavari
Matrum Iravai Pasanthargal Vivasayigal Sangam
Rep. by its President Mr.M.Abdullah
Regn.No. 198/2013 Regd. Office at No.1222,
East Street Puthantham Post, Manapparai Taluk
Tiruchirappali District.

Petitioner

Vs

1. The Election Commission Of India
Rep. by its Chief Election Commissioner Nirvachan
Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi 110001.

2.The Chief Electoral Officer, Tamil Nadu
Public (Elections) Department Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600009.

3.The State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Chief Secretary Secretariat
Fort St. George, Chennai 600009.

4.The State Of Tamil Nadu
rep. by its Secretary to Government
Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department
Secretariat, Fort St. George Chennai 600009.

Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for
issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to take



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appropriate action upon the petitioner's representation dated 14.01.2026 and 19.02.2026 regarding transfer of Government officials within the State of Tamil Nadu in compliance with the mandate under G.O.Ms.No.10 dated 07.01.1994 within a time frame.

For Petitioner : Mr. B.Prashanth Nadaraj

For Respondents : Mr. Niranjan Rajagopalan
Standing Counsel for R1 and R2.

Mr. J.Ravindran
Additional Advocate General
(Through Video Conferencing)
Assisted By Mrs. E.Ranganayaki
Additional Government Pleader
for R3 and R4.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

By this petition styled as a 'public interest litigation', the petitioner seeks a direction upon the respondents to take appropriate action on the petitioner's representations dated 14.01.2026 and 19.02.2026, regarding transfer of Government officials within the State of Tamil Nadu.

2. It is well settled that no public interest litigation is maintainable in service matters. This issue is covered by the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Ayaubkhan Noorkhan Pathan vs.*



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*State of Maharashtra*¹, wherein the Apex Court has held that such a course of action is not permissible so far as service matters are concerned.

3. The petitioner's attempt seeking transfer of officials through a public interest litigation is nothing but perverse and misconceived. Accordingly, we refrain from entertaining this petition. However, the Election Commission of India would be free to deal with the representation if any submitted by the petitioner, in accordance with law. The writ petition stands disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ.) (G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)
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