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Sub Appln.No.1292 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 10.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR**

Sub Appln.No.1292 of 2024
in
Contempt Petition No.2420 of 2023

M.Thiruneelakantan
Section Officer (Retd)
Public Department
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

... Petitioner

vs.

1. Dr.S.Swarna
Secretary to Government
Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department
Now Human Resources Management Department
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

2. Thiru.N.Muruganandam
Secretary to Government
Finance Department
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.

... Respondents

Sub Application filed under Section 151 CPC, praying to reopen the
Contempt Petition No.2420 of 2023 dated 05.01.2024.

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For Petitioner : Mr.T.Ranganathan
For Respondents : Mr.M.Suresh Kumar
Additional Advocate General
assisted by
Mrs.R.L.Karthika, Government Advocate

ORDER

The subject matter of the present contempt petition is the order dated 27.02.2017 passed by this Court in W.P.No.27647 of 2013. By the said order, G.O.Ms.No.112 dated 13.07.2012 was quashed insofar as it related to the direction for upgradation/stepping up of pay on par with juniors in one unit, as referred to in paragraph No.6 thereof. Consequently, a direction was issued to the respondents to extend similar benefits to the petitioner, as granted to the promotees from the post of Assistant under G.O.Ms.No.154 dated 30.10.2009, by making necessary amendments to G.O.Ms.No.112 dated 13.07.2012.

2. Pursuant to the directions issued by this Court, the petitioner was granted benefits by amending G.O.Ms.No.112 dated 13.07.2012 through the issuance of G.O.Ms.No.31 dated 01.03.2017. By the said Government



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Order, the monetary benefits were extended from the date of issuance of the said order.

3. Mr. Sureshkumar, learned Additional Advocate General, submitted that, pursuant to G.O.Ms.No.31 dated 01.03.2017, one Saraswathi, who was similarly placed, was also issued a Government Order extending the benefits from the date of issuance of G.O.Ms.No.31 dated 01.03.2017, and that this Court had closed the contempt petition holding that the order had been fully complied with.

4. Per contra, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that a categorical direction had been issued by the writ Court directing the respondents to grant the benefits to the petitioner on par with the promotees from the post of Assistant under G.O.Ms.No.154 dated 30.10.2009. However, the respondents have extended the benefits only from the date of issuance of G.O.Ms.No.31 dated 01.03.2017, instead of granting the benefits as directed by this Court. Therefore, it is submitted that the respondents have not complied with the categorical direction issued by this Court.



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5. In the light of the above, Sub.A.No.1292 of 2024 stands allowed
and the contempt petition is restored to file.

6. At this stage, the learned Additional Advocate General, seeks time
to secure instructions and to make further submissions.

Post the matter on 26.02.2026.

10.02.2026

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