



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01-06-2026

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

WP No. 17492 of 2026

S. Ravichandran
S/o R. Seetharaman,
Deputy Chief Engineer (Retd),
Residing at
Flat No 1E, Vaibhav Enclave,
H 17/18, East Avenue road,
Korattur, Chenani 600 080.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to Government
Municipal Administration and
Water Supply Department,
St George Fort, Chenani 600 009.
2. The Managing Director
TWAD Board,
TWAD Board Head office,
No 31 Kamarajar Salai,
Chepauk, Chennai 5.
3. The Secretary (Cum) General Manager,
TWAD Board,
TWAD Board Head Office,
No 31 Kamarajar Salai,
Chepauk, Chennai 5.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of mandamus directing the Respondents to consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2026 to include the petitioner's name in the panel of Executive Engineers found fit for promotion to the post of superintending engineer for the year 2018-2019 to



restore his original seniority and to grant him notional promotion on par with his junior namely Thiru N. Udayasingh (Seniority No 925) and to release all consequential pensionary and terminal benefits as per B.P. Ms. No 47, TWAD Estt, (Per) Wing, dated 05.06.2008 as granted to other Engineers namely Thiru J.L. Gurunathan, thiru N. Jayasankar, Thiru T.S. Sekar, and Thiru M. Antony Raja Pazham.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.V.R.Appaswamee

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.Sivalingam, Government Advocate for R1
Mrs.Mekhala, Standing Counsel for R2-3

ORDER

The writ petition is filed for the relief set out below:

"directing the Respondents to consider and pass orders on the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2026 to include the petitioner's name in the panel of Executive Engineers found fit for promotion to the post of superintending engineer for the year 2018-2019 to restore his original seniority and to grant him notional promotion on par with his junior namely Thiru N. Udayasingh (Seniority No 925) and to release all consequential pensionary and terminal benefits as per B.P. Ms. No 47, TWAD Estt, (Per) Wing, dated 05.06.2008 as granted to other Engineers namely Thiru J.L. Gurunathan, thiru N. Jayasankar, Thiru T.S. Sekar, and Thiru M. Antony Raja Pazham."

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he joined the TWAD Board as an



Assistant Engineer on 07.12.1983. Though the name of the petitioner was included in the panel of Executive Engineers for the year 2018-2019, he was deferred due to pending charges. By proceedings dated 27.03.2019, the second respondent passed final orders discharging the petitioner from all the charges. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 11.04.2019 seeking restoration of seniority and promotion as Superintending Engineer. Later, he attained superannuation on 31.05.2019.

3. The second respondent *vide* order dated 08.02.2023 rejected the petitioner's request stating that he was not fully qualified under Regulation 23(II)(2). Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner made a detailed representation dated 16.02.2026 for which there is no response till date. Therefore, the petitioner is before this Court.

4. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the relief now sought for by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the case, direct the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.02.2026, on merits and in accordance with law and to pass appropriate orders, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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