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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 12.06.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

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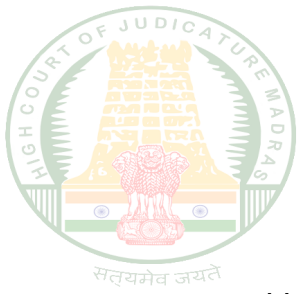
K.V.Venkatachalam
Retired Postmaster
5/530, Postal Colony – Phase 2
Perur Chettipalayam, Perur,
Coimbatore – 641 010.

... Petitioner

vs.

1. Union of India
Rep. By the Secretary
Department of Posts, Dak Bahwan
New Delhi – 110 001.
2. The Chief Postmaster General
Tamil Nadu Circle,
Chennai-600 002.
3. The Postmaster General
Chennai City Region
Chennai-600 002.
4. The Senior Superintendent of Post Offices
Tambaram Division,
Chennai-600 045.

... Respondents



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Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, quashing the order dated 30.07.2024 passed by the central Administrative Tribunal, Chennai Branch, in OA No 310/ 00816 / 2023 and direct the Respondents (i) to promote the petitioner to LSG cadre against 1/3rd quota of vacancy dated 11.12.1981 in Tambaram Dn as per petitioner's representation dated 22.10.2011 or (ii) to treat the TBOP promotion given w.e.f 30.11.1983 to the petitioner as promotion to LSG cadre as the case of Shri. K. Rajendran and Shri. R. Sargunam, and further promotions in HSG II cadre w.e.f 01.10.1991 and HSG -I cadre w.e.f 01.09.1994 (after 3 years in HSG - II as done in Odisha circle) or to promote the petitioner to LSG cadre under seniroity mode on par Smt.A.Nagammali (SC) w.e.f 05.04.1982 and further promotions in an appropriate date as per rules after giving notional service credit and direct the respondents to recompute and disburse the difference in Pay, Pension, Gratuity, Commutation of Pension, and earned leave encashment consequent upon such revision, together with simple rate of interest of 6 percent per annum from the respective due dates and AWARD the costs of petitions and for the agony caused to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.V.Venkatachalam
party-in-person

For Respondents : Mr.R.Sidharth
Central Government Standing Counsel



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ORDER

[Made by **S.M.SUBRAMANIAM, J.,**]

The writ petition has been instituted seeking multiple reliefs and the main relief sought for by the petitioner is to promote him to the post of Lower Selection Grade cadre against 1/3rd quota of vacancy with effect from the year 1981 based on his representation dated 22.10.2011.

2. Pertinently, the representation itself has been submitted after the retirement of the writ petitioner on 30.04.2008 and after a lapse of about 30 years from the date from which the petitioner claims retrospective promotion. The petitioner had earlier filed O.A.No.892 of 2007 before the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chennai Bench, [hereinafter “CAT” for the sake of brevity] seeking the relief of promotion. The CAT passed a final order on 07.05.2009, a portion of which reads as follows:

“The applicant has cited the findings of this Tribunal in O.A.No.528/2007 dated 10.4.2008 in support of his claim. In that O.A, also the applicant was seeking promotion to LSG Grade on the basis of his seniority in the Circle Gradation list. This Tribunal in its order dated 10.4.2008 has held that for promotion to the post of LSG, the seniority should be based



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on the Circle Gradation list and seniority in the Circle Gradation List will be affected only in the case of transfer from one circle to another and not in the case of transfer within the circle. The respondents themselves have conceded that the applicant is entitled for consideration for promotion to the LSG grade based on his seniority in the Circle Gradation list and the findings of this Tribunal in O.A.No.528/2007 is also to that effect only. Therefore, the respondents are directed to consider the claim of the applicant for promotion to LSG Grade on notional basis from the date of promotion of his junior in the Circle Gradation List to that post and consider him for further promotions based on this seniority, if he is otherwise eligible. The O.A. is allowed to this extent."

3. The said order of the CAT was implemented and the benefit of notional promotion was granted to the writ petitioner on par with his juniors. The said factual position was considered in the impugned order passed by the CAT on 30.07.2024 in O.A.No.816 of 2023. The CAT elaborately considered the issue factually and made observations as under:

"16. Moreover, the petitioner approached the Tribunal for the first time in O.A.No.892 of 2007 comparing him with one M.Murugaiah. The Tribunal granted the relief and the same was also confirmed by this Court and the Supreme



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Court. It is not the case of the petitioner that the order in O.A.No.892 of 2007 has not been properly given effect to. Therefore, to rake up one more issue in the year 2012 by filing O.A.No,135 of 2012, without raising such a claim in the previous application in O.A.No.892 of 2007, will be squarely hit by the principles analogous to resjudicata.

17. In any case, the petitioner is unable to point out who are the juniors, who have got promotion to the LSG from 1981 and to HSG from 1991. The petitioner has retired on 30.4.2008. His application seeking retrospective promotion from 1981 was filed in the year 2012. Therefore, the rejection of his claim by the Tribunal is perfectly in order and the same does not call for any interference. Hence, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs."

4. Not satisfied with the relief granted by the CAT in O.A.No.892 of 2007, which was implemented by the respondents by granting notional promotion, the petitioner again approached the CAT by filing O.A.No.816 of 2023 which was rejected on 30.07.2024 and the said order is under challenge in the present writ petition.

5. The CAT made a categorical finding that the petitioner is not entitled to any further benefits and dismissed the original application



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mainly on the ground that the contentions of the petitioner and prayer in respect of the reliefs sought for have been considered in detail at every stage and that there are no grounds to interfere with the impugned order passed by the respondents vide proceedings dated 01.08.2023. The proceedings dated 01.08.2023 would show the nature of relief earlier granted to the writ petitioner pursuant to the orders of the CAT and therefore, any further consideration at this stage would be unnecessary. That apart, the petitioner retired from service in the year 2008 and his claim for retrospective promotion was considered after his retirement by the CAT which was implemented by the respondents. That being the factum, this Court is not inclined to find any infirmity in respect of the impugned order passed by the CAT. Accordingly, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
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