



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-02-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 16368 of 2024

R.Earnestine Sharmila

W/o.Jonas,

No.51, Arul Padayachi Street, Nellithope,

Puducherry-605 005.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director of School Education,

Puducherry-605 005.

2. The Correspondent

Immaculate Heart of Mary High School,

Nellitope, Puducherry-605 005

..Respondent(s)

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to grant approval for the petitioner's appointment as Primary School Teacher in the second



respondent school with effect from 17.06.2002 and grant her all consequential benefits.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Mohanraj

For Respondent(s): Mr.Syed Mustafa for R1

Special Government Pleader

Ms.A.Arul Mary for R2

for M/s. Father Xavier Associates

ORDER

This petition has been filed seeking a direction to the first respondent to grant approval for the petitioner's appointment as Primary School Teacher in the second respondent school with effect from 17.06.2002 and grant her all consequential benefits.

2.The case of the petitioner is that she is working as a Primary School Teacher at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Government Aided Boys & Girls High School, Nellithope, Puducherry. She was initially appointed as a Primary School Teacher on 17.06.2002. She was placed in the scale of pay of Rs.4500-125-7000 with effect from 01.12.2004 and was placed on probation for a period of two years from the same date. She has been working continuously in the



said post for the past 22 years. However, her appointment has not been approved till date, despite availability of a sanctioned post and her possession of the requisite qualifications, The School Management sent proposals to the first respondent seeking approval of her appointment. The petitioner also submitted a representation to the first respondent on 16.04.2024 through the second respondent, requesting approval of her appointment. However, no orders have been passed till date. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that it would suffice, if a direction is issued to the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.04.2024, within a reasonable time to be fixed by this Court.

4. Considering the limited request made by the learned counsel for the petitioner and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court, directs the first respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 16.04.2024, and to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



5. With the above direction, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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