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Cont.P.Nos.2185 and 2168 of 2024, 1692 of 2021
Cont.P.No.164 of 2022 and Cont.P.DR.Nos.
103490 of 2023 and 19402 of 2022

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

Contempt Petition Nos.2185 and 2168 of 2024, 1692 of 2021

Cont.P.No.164 of 2022 and Cont.P.DR.Nos.

103490 of 2023 and 19402 of 2022

and

Sub.Appl.Nos.652 and 653 of 2023, 159 of 2022

and Sub.Appl.687 and 800 of 2025

Cont.P.No.2185 of 2024

D.Vijayakumar

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. Mr.K.Nanthakumar IAS

The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
HRM Department, Fort St.George, Chennai-9.

2. Mr.S.K.Prabhakar IAS

The Commissioner for Revenue Administration
Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai-5.

3. Mrs.Kalaiselvi Mohan IAS

The District Collector, Kanchipuram.

4. Mr.S.Arunraj IAS

The District Collector, Chengalpattu.

... Respondents

Prayer : Contempt Petition under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 to punish the respondents for the wilful violation and disobedience of the judgment of this Court dated 15.11.2019 in W.P.No.18725 of 2018 etc., batch.



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For Petitioners

: Mr.N.Subramaniyan

For Respondents

: Mr.T.Gowthaman, Additional
Advocate General assisted by
Dr.R.Gowri, Government Counsel
for R1 to R4

Cont.P.No.2168 of 2024

S.Ramaraj

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. Mr.K.Nanthakumar IAS
The Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
HRM Department, Fort St.George, Chennai-9.
2. Mr.S.K.Prabhakar IAS
The Commissioner for Revenue Administration
Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai-5.
3. Mr.Kranthi Kumar Patil, IAS
The District Collector, Coimbatore.

... Respondents

Prayer : Contempt Petition under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 to punish the respondents for the wilful violation and disobedience of the judgment of this Court dated 15.11.2019 in W.P.No.26642 of 2018.

For Petitioners

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For Respondents

: Mr.T.Gowthaman, Additional
Advocate General assisted by
Dr.R.Gowri, Government Counsel
for R1 to R3



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Cont.P.No.1692 of 2021

- 1.E.Boopathy
- 2.V.Vijayakumar
- 3.Y.Ramya
- 4.R.Latha Priya
- 5.K.Buvaneshwari
- 6.S.Anjalai
- 7.R.Sathiya

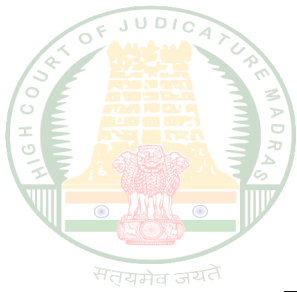
... Petitioners

-Vs-

1. Mrs.Mythili Rajendran IAS
Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
HRM Department, Fort St.George, Chennai-9.
2. P.Uma Mageswari IAS
Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
3, Frezar Bridge Road, Chennai-3.
3. K.Phanindra Reddy IAS
The Commissioner of Revenue Administration
Chepauk, Chennai-5.
4. Dr.M.Arthi IAS
The District Collector, Kanchipuram.
5. R.Panneerselvam
District Revenue Officer
Kancheepuram.

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For Respondents

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Standing Counsel for R2

Cont.P.No.164 of 2022

1.G.Sugumar

2.C.Revathi

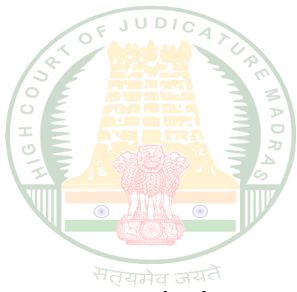
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For Petitioners : Mr.G.Sankaran, Senior Counsel
for Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan

For Respondents : Mr.T.Gowthaman, Additional
Advocate General assisted by
Dr.R.Gowri, Government Counsel
for R1, R3 to R5
Mr.R.Bharanidharan
Standing Counsel for R2

Sub.Appl(OS) No.159 of 2022 in Cont.P.DR.No.19402 of 2022

1.S.Srinivasan
2.K.Manivannan ... Petitioners

-VS-

1. Mrs.Mythili Rajendran IAS
Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu
HRM Department, Fort St.George, Chennai-9.
2. P.Uma Mageswari IAS
Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
3, Frezar Bridge Road, Chennai-3.
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The Commissioner of Revenue Administration
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The District Collector, Kanchipuram.
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District Revenue Officer
Kancheepuram. ... Respondents



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Prayer : To permit the applicants to file Contempt Petition against the order of this Court dated 15.11.2019 in W.P.No.18725 of 2018 etc., batch.

Sub.Appl(OS) No.652 of 2023 in Cont.P.DR.No.103490 of 2023

M.Annamalai

... Petitioner

-VS-

1. Mrs.Mythili Rajendran IAS
Principal Secretary, P & AR Department
Fort St.George, Chennai 600 009.
2. P.Uma Mageswari IAS
Secretary, Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission
3, Frezar Bridge Road, Chennai-3.
3. K.Phanindra Reddy IAS
The Commissioner of Revenue Administration
Chepauk, Chennai-5.
4. Dr.M.Arthi IAS
The District Collector, Kanchipuram.
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COMMON ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

These contempt petitions have been instituted to punish the respondents for their wilful disobedience of the common judgment delivered by the Division Bench of this Court on 15.11.2019.

2. The matter was taken by way of an appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the issues are decided by the Apex Court and thereafter a Contempt Petition Diary No.6415 of 2021 in S.L.P.(C) No.2886 of 2016 along with other contempt petitions were taken up by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and an order was passed on 09.05.2024. Paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the said order reads as follows:

“ 6. The order is also clear that the seniority lists / selection processes conducted prior to 10.03.2003 and the seniority as attained in the lists published by the TNPSC in those selection processes / seniority lists shall also stand frozen. It is only the selection processes / seniority lists which were conducted after 10.03.2003 which will have to be revisited in accordance with the directions issued by this Court vide order dated 18.04.2023.

7. With these clarifications, all these petitions and applications pending before this Court shall stand disposed of.



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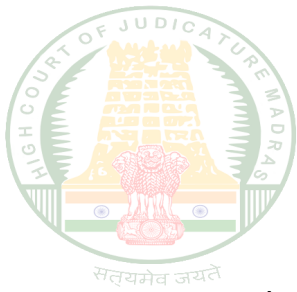
8. *We clarify that if any of the parties has any individual grievance with regard to his/her seniority, such persons would be entitled to take recourse to their individual remedies, as are available in law.*

9. *It is further clarified that since the revisions in the seniority lists have been effected by the State of Tamil Nadu in pursuance of the directions issued by this Court, such revisions will not enure any pecuniary benefits to such persons.”*

3. Learned counsel for the Contempt Petitioners would submit that the said order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the above contempt petition is not connected. Be that as it may.

4. Learned Additional Advocate General would submit that the order passed in W.P.No.18725 of 2018 etc., batch has been implemented by the competent authority and accordingly the names of the petitioners was included in the panel of Deputy Tahsildar in the year 2018 and all consequential benefits are also settled. That apart, merit seniority also has been issued in proceedings dated 13.07.2023.

5. Thus, the petitioners have not established any wilful disobedience to punish the authority under the Contempt of Courts Act. The authorities have



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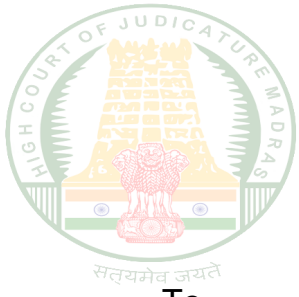
passed an order granting notional promotion and fixation of seniority. The Supreme Court in the order stated above has also stated that if any individual grievance exists, the employee / officer may approach the competent authority for redressal.

6. At the outset, the issues were decided commonly and if any individual has not been considered based on any other impediment like disqualification or otherwise, he / she may approach the authorities for redressal of their grievance. With the above observations, the Contempt Petition Nos. 2185 and 2168 of 2024, 1692 of 2021 and Cont.P.No.164 of 2022 are closed. Contempt Petition DR.Nos. 103490 of 2023 and 19402 of 2022 are also closed at SR stage. Consequently, the connected Sub.Applications are also closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
17-06-2026

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