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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-04-2026

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE P. VELMURUGAN
AND
THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI**

**WP No. 28516 of 2025
and
WMP Nos. 31911 & 32079 of 2025**

1. Dr.Ambedkar Defence Employees Union,
Rep. By Its General Secretary
Engine Factory, Avadi,
Chennai 600 054.

2. E.Venkatesan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Union Of India,
Rep. By The Secretary To Government,
Ministry Of Defence, South Block,
New Delhi 110001.

2. Ordnance Factory Board,
Represented By Its Chairman,
10-A SK Bose Road,
Kolkata 700 001.

3. The General Manager,
Engine Factory, Avadi,
Chennai 600 054.

4. Ramesh

5. D. Thanigaiarasu

6. S. Ravi



7. G. Jaikumar

8. M. Ramesh

9. S. Kannan

10.M. Mohanraj

11.S. Gnanaganapathy

12.R. Devaraj

13.S. Devasagayam

14.Jacob V. John

15.S. Loganathan

16.C. Dhanesh

17.A.Prabu

18.K.Padmanaban

19.A.E.Sudhakar Babu

20.P.Umapathy

21.M.Purushothaman

22.S.Tamizharasan

23.S.Rajini Kumar

24.S.Sivanesan

25.C.Amarsingh

26.V.Mohanakrishnan

27.M.Doss

28.P.Seshan



29.D.Pugazendhi

30.V.Thanigaivel

31.S.Ramesh Babu

32.Punya Murthy.C

33.G.Tamilarasu

34.G.Govindan

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Section 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari calling for the records pertaining to Judgment dated 22/1/2025 passed by the Hon'ble Central Administrative Tribunal, Madras Bench in OA No 1289 of 2019 and the part of the Order passed in MA NO 772 of 2019 in OA NO 1289 of 2019 dated 22/1/2020 which declines to implead the 1st Petitioner in OA No 1289 of 2019 and quash the same.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. R.Rajesh Kumar

For Respondent(s): Mr. AR.L.Sundaresan, ASGI
for Ms. Sunita Kumari
for R1 to R3

Order

(Order of the Court was made by P.VELMURUGAN,J.)

The present Writ Petition has been filed by the Dr.Ambedkar Association challenging the order dated 22.01.2025 passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chennai Bench, in O.A.No.1289 of 2019, as well as the order passed in M.A.No.772 of 2019 in the same Original Application, insofar as the Tribunal declined to implead the petitioner in the proceedings.



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2. The very same impugned order dated 22.01.2025, which is under challenge in the present writ petition, was also the subject matter of W.P.Nos.23987 of 2025 and 23445 of 2025 filed by the Union of India arising out of the same Tribunal order. This Court, by order dated 09.04.2026, has already set aside the order dated 22.01.2025 passed by the Tribunal.

3. The issues raised in the present writ petition arise out of the same proceedings and are identical to the issues considered in the connected writ petitions. In those cases, this Court has examined the scope and effect of the Office Memorandum dated 15.06.2018, the effect of the interim orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, and the legality of revising promotions granted during the relevant period.

4. This Court has held that the interpretation placed by the Tribunal on the Office Memorandum dated 15.06.2018 is not sustainable in law and that the Tribunal was not justified in directing restoration of original dates of promotion.

5. Following the same reasoning, and since the issues involved are identical, this Court finds that the order of the Tribunal made in O.A.No.1289 of



2019, dated 22.01.2025, is liable to be set aside and accordingly, the same stands set aside.

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6. In the result, the Writ Petition is allowed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(P.V.,J.) (K.G.T.,J.)
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Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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