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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE C.V. KARTHIKEYAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K.KUMARESH BABU

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K.Velazhagan

Son of Kuppusamy, Aged about 41 years,
Residing at No.1, Old Kamaraj Nagar, Bahour,
Puducherry-607 402.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. Mr.Ashish Madhaorao More, IAS
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department,
Government of Union Territory of Puducherry,
Puducherry.

2. Mr.Kulothungan I.A.S
The Additional Secretary to Government,
(Revenue)-cum-Collector,
Government of Puducherry, Puducherry.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:

Contempt Petition has been filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, to punish the Respondents herein for willfully and wantonly violating the order of this Hon'ble Court dated 16.07.2024 in W.P.No.6605 of 2010.

For Petitioner(s):

For Respondent(s):

Mr. R.Saravanan

Mr.Syed Mustafa

Special Government Pleader
(Puducherry)

**ORDER****(Order of the Court was made by K.Kumaresh Babu J.)**

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The Contempt Petition has been filed to punish the Respondents herein for willfully and wantonly violating the order of this Hon'ble Court dated 16.07.2024 in W.P.No.6605 of 2010.

2. When the matter was taken up, the learned Special Government Pleader (Puducherry) appearing on behalf of the respondents has placed on record an order dated 22.07.2025, addressed to the petitioner, wherein it has been indicated that as per the directions issued by this Court, the alleged violation of which is complained of, the contemnors have considered the candidature of the petitioner and having found that he is not eligible as he did not qualify and that there were other candidates, who had secured higher marks than the petitioner, negated the claim of the petitioner, leaving it open to the petitioner to challenge the same in the manner known to law. He would submit that the directions issued by this Court had been duly complied with and hence prays appropriate orders to be passed in the contempt petition.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would contend that this Court, considering the special case of the petitioner, had directed the respondents to consider his candidature by relaxing the age and issue an appointment order to him. However, treating the petitioner as a fresh recruit,



without considering the relaxation of age and without issuing an appointment order as directed by this Court, the claim of the petitioner has been rejected solely on the ground that there are other candidates with higher marks. He would submit that this conduct of the respondents is in violation of the order passed by this Court.

4. We have considered the submissions made by the learned counsel appearing on both sides and perused the materials placed on record.

5. The order in the writ petition, the violation of which is complained of, had been passed in a writ petition filed by the respondents/contemnors, challenging the order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, which had set aside the process of selection on the ground that appointments had been made beyond the vacancies that were notified. This Court had quashed the order passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal and had allowed the writ petition. A further direction was given to consider the claim of the petitioner herein, if he was otherwise eligible, for selection to the post of Village Administrative Officer by relaxing the age.

6. The order placed before us dated 22.07.2025 would indicate that, on the finding that there were other candidates, who were higher up in the merit list, the respondents had not considered the relaxation of age sought by the



petitioner. It has been specifically indicated that a merit list of 608 candidates had been published, in which the petitioner's name was not found and therefore the petitioner had not secured enough marks to be included in the merit list.

7. We are of the view that the order has been duly complied with. It is for the petitioner to challenge the order dated 22.07.2025, if he is so aggrieved.

8. For the aforesaid reasons, the contempt petition stands closed. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

(C.V.K.,J.) (K.B.,J.)
19-01-2026

Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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