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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE C.V. KARTHIKEYAN

CONT P Nos. 3735 & 3521 of 2024

CNR:{HCMA011884862024}

CONT P Nos. 3735 of 2024

V. Madheswaran

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Brajendra Navnit, IAS,
   STATE OF TAMIL NADU
   Principal Secretary to Government,
   Commercial Taxes and Registration
   Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

2. Dr.D.Jagannathan, IAS
   THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY /
   Commercial Tax Commissioner, Chepauk,
   Chennai 600 005.

3. S.Mohamed Arshad, B.E,
   JOINT COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL
   TAX,
   O/o.The Joint Commissioner of Commercial
   Taxes, Salem Division, Salem Post and District.

4. S.Selva Ganapathy
   DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF
   COMMERCIAL TAX,
   O/o.The Deputy Commissioner of Commercial
   Taxes, Dharmapuri Post, Dharmapuri.

..Contemnor(s)

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CONT P No. 3521 of 2024

CNR:{HCMA011884872024}

K. Eswaran

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Brajendra Navnit, IAS
   Principal Secretary to Government, Commercial Taxes and Registration Department, Secretariat, Chennai 600 009, Tamil Nadu.

2. Dr. D.Jagannathan, IAS
   THE ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY / Commercial Tax Commissioner, Chepauk, Chennai 600 005.

3. S.Mohamed Arshad, B.E.,
   JOINT COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL TAX,
   O/o.The Joint Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Salem Division, Salem Post and District.

4. S.Selva Ganapathy,
   DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF COMMERCIAL TAX,
   O/o.The Deputy Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, Krishnagiri Post and District.

..Respondent (s)

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PRAYER: Contempt petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act to punish the respondents for committing Contempt of Court for his willful deliberate disobedience of the order passed by this Court dated 27/09/2023 made in WP.No.23517 of 2019.

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deliberate disobedience of the order passed by this Court Dated 27/09/2023 made in WP.No.23523/2019.

In both petitions

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Saravanakumar

For Respondent (s): Mr.P.V.Balasubramaniam (AAG)
assisted by
Ms.Amirtha Poonkodi Dinakaran (AGP)

COMMON ORDER

Both contempt petitions arises out of an order passed on 27.09.2023 in the respective writ petitions complaining that the directions therein had not been complied with by the respondents.

2.Both petitioners had joined the service as sweepers on 31.03.2012. Their services had not been regularized. They were on the other hand reverted back and therefore, being aggrieved by that particular order had filed the writ petitions.

3.Directions were issued in the writ petitions to consider the reversion order as show cause notices, obtain explanations from the petitioners and thereafter pass considered orders. Explanations were furnished by the petitioners herein and two separate orders on two separate occasions were passed by the respondents, one on 13.12.2024 and the other on 11.07.2025.

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Both the orders were rejected by this Court holding that sufficient reasons had not been given. In the meanwhile, the decision of the Full Bench also came to be delivered, wherein, it had been held that on completion of 10 years of service, there will be a natural expectation for regularization of service and on regularization, promotion to be granted, if otherwise eligible. Both petitioners herein had joined service on 31.03.2012. If they are otherwise eligible, necessary orders can be passed bringing them into regular service and grant promotion on and from the date on which they are eligible to the post of Office Assistant. Necessary orders in this regard to be passed within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4.Both contempt petitions stand closed with liberty to reopen the same, if necessity arises.

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

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