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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 MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 36672 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012089862026}

Pn Raghukumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary To Government
   Revenue And Disaster Management
   Department,Fort St. George, Chennai-19

2. The Additional Chief Secretary
   Commissioner Of Revenue Administration,
   Ezhilagam, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk,,
   Chennai-3.

3. The Commissioner
   Greater Chennai Corporation,
   Poonamallee High Road, Periamet, Chennai-3.

4. The District Collector
   Krishnagiri District,
   Hosur Road, Krishnagiri 635 115

..Respondent(s)

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of certiorari, to call for the records in GO (2D) No.585 Revenue Disaster Management Department, Service wing, Ser. 2(2) Section dated 14.07.2026 on the file of the 1st Respondent and quash the same

For Petitioner(s): M/S. B.Manoharan

For Respondent(s): Mr.R.Nandha Kumar, AGP

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This writ petition has been filed challenging the orders issued by the Government vide G.O.(2D) No.585, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, dated 14.07.2026, whereby the petitioner was placed under suspension under Rule 17(e)(1)(ii) of the Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, consequent upon the registration of a crime against the petitioner, pending disciplinary proceedings.

2. Along with this writ petition, the learned counsel for the petitioner has also filed yet another writ petition vide W.P.No.36677 of 2026, challenging the charge memo dated 15.06.2026 issued in P.R.No.0003 of 2026. Today, the said writ petition was dismissed as withdrawn. The charges that are levelled against the petitioner, on the face of it, appear to be serious, though the learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was never worked as ‘Personal Assistant to the District Collector, Krishnagiri District’, during the period when the allegations of collection of huge amounts on the promise of providing Government jobs had taken place. In other words, he contends that the petitioner never worked as ‘Personal Assistant to the District Collector, Krishnagiri District’ at the relevant point of time. Thus, he contends that the respondents have issued the impugned suspension order without any application of mind.

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3. Mr.A.R.Suresh, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, submits that the charge sheet has already been filed in Crime No.10 of 2022, wherein the petitioner was arrayed as one of the accused, and the same has also been taken on record by the competent criminal court.

4. This Court has carefully considered the submissions made on either side and also perused the entire material on record.

5. The fact remains that the petitioner was placed under suspension through the impugned proceedings dated 14.07.2026 and hardly three months have expired since the date of suspension. If at all the petitioner is of the view that he is in no way responsible for the charges that are levelled against him vide charge memo dated 15.07.2026, it is for the petitioner to approach the first respondent and bring to his notice the true facts, as he may deem fit. In case the first respondent is convinced with the representation of the petitioner, the first respondent have all the powers to review or revoke the orders of suspension. But this is not a case where this Court can interfere with the impugned order of suspension, as it is of recent origin.

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6. In the light of the above, the writ petition is disposed of, permitting the petitioner to submit a representation before the first respondent seeking review/revocation of suspension within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and, on receipt of such representation, the first respondent shall consider the same, duly taking into consideration the orders issued by the Government vide G.O (Ms.) No.81, Human Resources Management (N1) Department, dated 04.08.2022, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of four weeks from the date of submission of the representation by the petitioner.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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