



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 37182 of 2024

and

WMP Nos.40180 & 40182 of 2024

S.S.Vedhanantham
Junior Assistant,
Vellore City Municipal Corporation,
Vellore 632 001

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Government Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary To Government, Municipal
Administration And Water Supply Department,
Secretariat, Chenani 600 009
2. The Director Of Municipal Administration
No 75, Santhome High Road,
MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram,
Chennai 600 028
3. The Commissioner,
Vellore City Municipal Corporation,
Vellore 632 001

..Respondent(s)

This writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a writ of certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records relating to the impugned charge memo issued by the 3rd respondent in Na.Ka. No C1 / 3864 / 2018 dated 24.09.2021 and quash the same and consequently to direct the Respondents to promote the petitioner as Assistant with effect from 23.12.2013 and Superintendent on par with his junior retrospectively from 15.03.2024, with all service and monetary benefits within a reasonable period.



For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Ganesan,

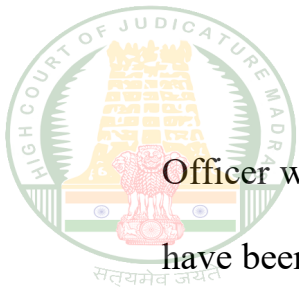
For Respondent(s): Mr. V.Prasad, Gov. Advocate,
For R1 And R2

Mr. P.S. Prabhu,
Standing Counsel,
For R3

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus to quash the impugned charge memo dated 24.09.2021 issued by the 3rd respondent and direct the respondents to promote the petitioner as Assistant with effect from 23.12.2013 and as Superintendent on par with his Junior with effect from 15.03.2024 with all service and monetary benefits.

2. According to the petitioner, during the pendency of the criminal case, the 3rd respondent has issued a charge memo under Rule 8(2) of the Tamil Nadu Municipal Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1970 on the same set of facts raised in Cr.No.471 of 2018, which is not permissible in law. Further, since the criminal case ended in acquittal and the misconduct alleged therein is not related to official discharge of duties, the impugned charge memo is liable to be set aside. Hence, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 07.08.2024 seeking to drop all further proceedings and to promote him as Assistant with effect from 01.08.2011 and Superintendent/Assistant Revenue



Officer with effect from 15.03.2020 on par with his junior. However, no orders have been passed so far. Hence, the present writ petition.

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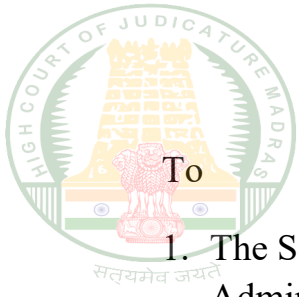
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the charges have already been dropped and therefore, no further orders are required to be passed in writ petition.

4. Considering the fact that the charges have been dropped, it is needless to state that the respondents shall pass the consequential orders, if not already passed.

5. With the above said directions, this writ petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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



To

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