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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S. M. SUBRAMANIAM

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE N.SENTHILKUMAR

WP No. 38123 of 2024

and

WMP No. 41256 & 41257 of 2024

Senthil Kumar
S/o.Sundaresan, No.40, Alamaram Street,
Sabathalipuram, T.B. Sanitorium Post,
Vellore.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Registrar General
High Court Madras, Chennai- 600 104.
2. The Disciplinary Authority / Principal District
Judge
Vellore Combined Court Campus, Vellore.
3. The Enquiry Officer / 1st Additional District
Judge
Vellore Combined Court Campus, Vellore.

..Respondent(s)

To call for the records of the impugned order in D.P. No.2/
2024, DIS No. 10146/ 2024 /SHR / DATED 28.10.2024 issued by the
2nd respondent and consequently to restore the petitioner in the post
of record keeper and pass.



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For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Ganesh
for Mr.T.Saravanan

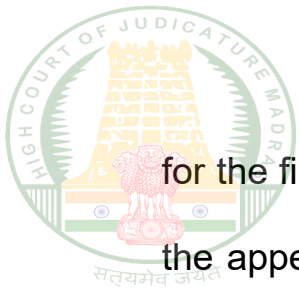
For Respondent(s): Mr. E.V.Chandru @ E.Chandrasekaran
for R1 to R3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

The writ petition has been filed challenging the order of the 2nd respondent dated 28.10.2024 and for a direction to restore him as Bench Clerk Grade II and grant the petitioner all other monetary and service benefits.

2. The petitioner was imposed with a punishment of “reduction to a lower post” i.e., to the post of Bench Clerk Grade-II from the post of Record Keeper, with immediate effect for a period of two years in the disciplinary proceedings. Charge Memorandum was issued, enquiry was conducted and by following the procedures, the penalty was imposed. That being so, the petitioner has to exhaust the appellate remedy as contemplated under the Service Rules. Exhausting the appellate remedy is of paramount importance and the aggrieved person need not be denied of such remedy. The appellate authorities are empowered to call



for the files and consider the grounds raised by the aggrieved persons in the appeal. Thus, the writ petitioner is at liberty to prefer an appeal, as contemplated under the Rules before the Registrar General, High Court of Madras. The time limit of three weeks is granted to the petitioner for preferring an appeal.

3. With this liberty, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

(S.M.S.,J.) (N.S.,J.)
02-06-2026

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

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