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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 44069 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012313282026}

V.Krishnan
s/o.Velu,
Saravanapakkam Koot Road,
Saravanapakkam , Ulundurpet,
Villupuram district 607 209

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Joint Director (Personnel)
   of School Education of Tamil Nadu,
   Office of the Joint Director (P),
   DPI Campus, College Road,
   Nungambakkam, chennai 06

2. the director of School Education of Tamil Nadu
   Office of the Directorate of School Education,
   DPI Campus, College Road,
   Nungambakkam, Chennai 06

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to consider petitioner representation dated 18.03.2026 within the stipulated period of 2 weeks and pass

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For Petitioner(s): V.Pavel

For Respondent(s): M/s.P.Kalpa Reddy, SGP

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Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and Ms.Kalpa Reddy, learned Government Pleader for the respondent.

2.With the consent of both parties, the writ petition is disposed at the admission stage.

3.The petitioner herein was appointed as B.T.Assistant Teacher in the School Education Department through a recruitment process undertaken by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission. While he was in service, he was involved in a criminal case under POCSO Act in Special S.C.No.195 of 2019 and in the said crime, petitioner was convicted vide Judgment dated 07.06.2024.

4.In view of the same, the petitioner was dismissed from service vide order dated 11.03.2025 issued by the Chief Educational Officer, Villupuram. It was thereafter the petitioner filed an appeal against the said conviction in Crl.A.No.842 of 2024 and the said appeal was finally allowed by this Court

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vide order dated 20.11.2025. It was thereafter the petitioner claims to have submitted repeated representations on 18.03.2026, 17.06.2026 and 27.08.2026 requesting for reinstatement into service consequent upon his acquittal in the above said criminal case. However, the respondents appear to have not taken any action on the said representations and hence, the petitioner approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

5.Ms.P.Kalpa Reddy, learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent submits that the proceedings which were initiated against the petitioner under POCSO Act, is still pending for consideration before the Appellate Authority and keeping that in view, the respondents would consider the representations submitted by the petitioner.

6.In the light of the above, this Court is of the considered view that it is obligatory on the part of the respondents to consider the representations submitted by the petitioner, in the light of aquittal in the criminal case as the order of dismissal that was issued on 11.03.2025 is only on the ground of conviction suffered by the petitioner. Under these circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents to consider the representations dated 18.03.2026, 17.06.2026 and 27.08.2026 submitted by the petitioner, duly

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taking into consideration the acquittal order passed by this Court in Criminal Appeal No.842 of 2024 dated 20.11.2025, and pass appropriate orders thereon as expeditiously as possible at any rate within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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