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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE G.K. ILANTHIRAIYAN

SUB APPL No. 1163 of 2026
IN CONT P NO. 1516 OF 2026

1. R.Krishnaraj,
   S/o. Rangan,
   No. 1/146/16, Nunthala Mattem,
   Ithalar, Udhagamandalam,
   Nunthala, The Nilgiris,
   Tamil Nadu-643 003.

2. P.Raju
   S/o. Palaiah,
   No.96, Forest Colony,
   Furnhill Post, Udhagamandalam,
   The Nilgiris, Tamilnadu-643 004.

3. M.Joseph
   S/o. Muthaiya,
   No.5/1377, Enadavali,
   Forest Hill, Enadavali,
   Forest Hill, VTC, Kodanad and Post,
   The Nilgiris, Tamilnadu -643 217.

..Applicant(s)

Vs

1. Tmt. Supriya Sahu, IAS.,
   Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
   Environment, Climate Change and
   Forest Department, Fort St.George,
   Chennai - 600 009.

2. Srinivas R.Reddy, I.F.S.,
   The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
   and Head of Forest Force,
   Velachery Main Road,
   Guindy, Chennai,
   Tamil Nadu State 600 032.

..Respondent(s)

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PRAYER: Sub Application is filed under Section 151 of the Code of Civil Procedure, praying to reopening the Cont.P.No.1516 of 2026 which was closed on 17.06.2026.

For Applicant(s): Mr.Kanna Patel I

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Seenivasan
Government Advocate

ORDER

This sub-application has been filed seeking to reopen Cont.P.No.1516 of 2026, which was closed on 17.06.2026.

2.The petitioners filed a writ petition challenging the proceedings dated 28.10.2025 issued by the second respondent and seeking consequential directions to notionally regularise their services as Plot Watchers by relaxing the relevant rules. They submit that they were initially appointed as Plot Watchers on a full-time daily-wage basis between 1993 and 1996. Despite rendering more than three decades of service, their services were not regularised. Though their names were included in the State-wide seniority list prepared pursuant to G.O.Ms.No.64 dated 08.03.1999, the respondents failed to consider them for regularisation in accordance with their seniority. This Court, by order dated 18.11.2025 passed in W.P.No.44421 of 2025, issued directions to the respondents. However, despite a subsequent direction to the first respondent to comply with the order within eight weeks, no orders were passed, necessitating the filing of the present sub-application.

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3.The learned Government Advocate, on instructions, submitted that the order dated 18.11.2025 passed by this Court in W.P.No.44421 of 2025 had been complied with and that the Government has issued G.O.(2D) No.157, Environment, Climate Change and Forests (FR.2(ii)) Department, dated 12.10.2026.

4.Recording the submission made by the learned Government Advocate, this sub-application is closed.

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

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