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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 43243 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012465512026}

V.Gopinath ..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
   District Collector Office,
   Sathuvachari, Vellore District-632009.

2. The Revenue Divisional Officer
   Guidyatham Revenue Division,
   Gudiyatham Taluk, Vellore District.

3. The Tahsildar
   Gudiyatham, Gudiyatham Taluk
   Vellore District-630602.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to consider the Petitioner's representation dated 25.09.2026 and revoke the order of suspension passed vide proceeding in R.C.A1/793/2025 dated 20.03.2025 and to reinstate him in service as Village Administrative Officer within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.H.Manojin

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

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Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.R.Nandha Kumar, learned Additional Government Pleader, who takes notice on behalf of the respondents

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

3. While the petitioner was working as Village Administrative Officer, he was involved in a crime registered by the Department of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption vide Crime No. 01/2025 under Section 7(a) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 and in connection with the said crime, the petitioner was also arrested and remanded in the judicial custody. In view of the same, the petitioner was placed under suspension by the second respondent vide proceedings in R.C.A1/793/2025 dated 20.03.2025. In view of the said order of suspension, the petitioner claims to have submitted a representation dated 25.09.2026 seeking for revocation of suspension. As the said representation has not been considered by the respondents, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

4. In the light of the orders issued by the Government in G.O.(Ms) No.81, Human Resources Management(N) Department dated 04.08.2022, the second respondent is under obligation to review the order of suspension on expiry of three months period of suspension but the second respondent has not taken any steps for reviewing the order of suspension and furthermore, the petitioner has been continuing under a prolonged period of suspension.

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5. Mr.R.Nandha Kumar, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents fairly submits that in the light of the orders issued by the Government in G.O.(Ms) No.81, Human Resources Management(N) Department dated 04.08.2022, the second respondent ought to have reviewed the orders of suspension on completion of three months period of suspension.

6. In the light of the above, without going into the merits of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of directing the second respondent to forthwith take all necessary steps for reviewing the order of suspension in R.C.A1/793/2025 dated 20.03.2025 duly taking into consideration guidelines framed by the Government in G.O.(Ms) No.81, Human Resources Management(N) Department dated 04.08.2022 and to review the order of suspension and pass reasoned orders as expeditiously as possible within a period of six(6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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