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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. 43356 of 2026
CNR:{HCMA012489522026}

G. Gunasundar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Additional chief secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Secretairat, Fort St Geroge, Chennai 600 009

2. The Additional chief secretary / commissioner of Revenue Administration, Ezhilagam Chepuak, Chennai 600 005

3. The District Collector Tiruppur District, tiruppur

4. The District revenue officer Tiruppur Tiruppur District

..Respondent(s)

Writ petition filed under 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus, directing the 2nd respondent to pass orders on the representation / Objection submitted by the petitioner dated 09.03.2026 for revision of seniority in the post of Senior Revenue Inspector in Thiruppur Revenue District by considering the dated of appointment in the respective feeder post and to arrive at the inter se seniority in accordance with section 40 (2) of the Tamil nadu Government Servant (Conditions of service) Act and consequently to consider the petitioner for promotion to the post of Deputy Tahsildar based on the revised seniority, within a time frame to be fixed by this honble Court

For Petitioner(s): Mr.G.Sankaran, Senior Counsel for Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan

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

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ORDER

Heard Mr.G.Sankaran, learned Senior Counsel for Mr.S.Nedunchezhiyan, learned counsel for the petitioner and Mr.M.Nandhakumar, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents.

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

3. The petitioner herein was initially appointed as 'Village Administrative Officer' in the Revenue Department, governed by the Tamil Nadu Ministerial Service, through the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and accordingly, joined service on 06.11.2015 in Villupuram District. Thereafter, she was transferred to Tiruppur District in the year 2018. While so, the case of the petitioner was considered for promotion to the post of 'Assistant' in the Revenue Department, which was subsequently re-designated as 'Inspector of Revenue', as against the quota earmarked for 'Village Administrative Officer' in terms of the orders issued by the Government vide G.O.(Ms.) No.78, Revenue Department, dated 16.02.2015. The dispute now is with regard to the seniority in the post of 'Inspector of Revenue'. The post of 'Assistant/Inspector of Revenue' can be filled up by direct recruitment as well as by promotion. Insofar as the appointment by direct recruitment is concerned, there is no dispute, however, the dispute is now with regard to the *inter se* seniority among the promotee Inspectors of Revenue,

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i.e., the persons who are promoted from the post of 'Junior Assistant/Typist' and the persons who are promoted from the post of 'Village Administrative Officer'.

4. According to the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, the *inter se* seniority list was finalised by the respondents through proceedings bearing நா.க.எண்.13352/2023/அ3 dated 05.01.2024 for the first time and, in the said *inter se* seniority list, the name of the petitioner herein is shown at Sl.No.26 in the promotional panel for the year 2022. All the persons who were promoted to the post of 'Inspector of Revenue' during the said panel were placed below the promotees from the post of 'Junior Assistant/Typist', ignoring the total length of service and seniority in the feeder category. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner claims to have submitted a representation dated 09.03.2026 for revision of the said seniority in the post of 'Senior Inspector in Tiruppur District'. However, according to the learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner, no action has been taken by the third respondent on the said representation submitted by the petitioner. According to the learned Senior Counsel, the 'Village Administrative Officer promotee Inspector of Revenue' cannot be placed below the other Inspectors of Revenue promoted from the category of 'Junior Assistant/Typist' and the seniority has to be fixed in terms of Sub-Section (2) of Section 40 of the Tamil Nadu Government Servants (Conditions of Service) Act, 2016. As the claim made by the petitioner for revision of *inter se* seniority finalised through proceedings dated 05.01.2024 is still pending for consideration before the third respondent, this Court is of the

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considered view that it would be appropriate to direct the third respondent to consider the said representation dated 09.03.2026 submitted by the petitioner.

5. Mr.M.Nandhakumar, learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents, also submits that the representation submitted by the petitioner would be considered by the third respondent in accordance with law.

6. In the light of the above, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the third respondent to consider the representation dated 09.03.2026 submitted by the petitioner, seeking revision of *inter se* seniority finalised through proceedings dated 05.01.2024, and to pass appropriate orders thereon, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In case the third respondent is inclined to revise the seniority by considering the representation submitted by the petitioner, the same can be done only after notice to all the affected parties. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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