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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

WA No. 1372 of 2026

The Principal Secretary To Government,
Fort St.George,
Chennai 600 009.

..Appellant(s)

Vs

1. C.Seenu
2. L.Prabakaran
3. S.Selvi
4. G.Sekar
5. S.Chitra
6. S.Achamma
7. L.Narasamma
8. M.Narasimalu
9. N.Kottaiya
10. S.Thandavan (Electrician)
11. A.Munivel
12. S.Arul
13. N.Suresh
14. K.Suresh Kumar
15. B.Thirumalai



16. E.Udayakumar

17. M.Sigamani

18. J.Vanaroja

19. J.Sundaram

20. V.Murugan

21. S.Yesu

22. S.Polaiyah

23. P.Penchala Narasimhula

24. D.Ponpandi

25. B.Harikrishnan

26. K.Prabhakaran

27. P.Nithiyanandam

28. C.Jaishankar

29. E.Mary

30. P.Melvin Gnanasekar

31. D.Kumar

32. P.Udayakumar

33. M.Chandran

34. S.Elumalai

35. E.Shanmugam

36. The Commissioner

37. The Zonal Officer

..Respondent(s)



Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside the order dated 16.07.2024 made in W.P.No.3295 of 2024 and allow this Writ Appeal and thus render justice.

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For Appellant(s): Ms.A.Suganya, Government Counsel

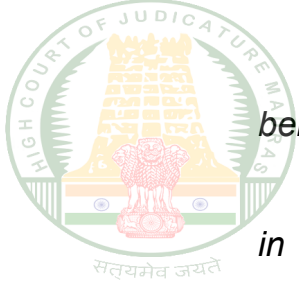
For Respondent(s): Mr. G. Bala for
M/S.G.Bala and Daisy
for R1 to 35
MR. S. Gopinathan, Standing Counsel for
R36&37

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was delivered by S.M.Subramaniam J.)

Learned counsel for the respondents Mr.G.Bala would submit that the Government has referred the issue to a Committee, headed by a retired High Court Judge and by accepting the recommendation of the Committee, the Government had issued G.O.(D) No.607, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department dated 17.10.2025. The relevant portion of the Government Order reads as under,

“10. The Government, after careful examination of the matter in consultation with the Litigation Advisory and Oversight Committee (LAOC) in the Finance Department, have decided to accept the recommendations of the Committee (LAOC) and the consent given by the petitioners. Accordingly, the Government hereby permit the Commissioner, Greater Chennai Corporation to take necessary action in the light of the recommendations of the Litigation Advisory and Oversight Committee as detailed



below:-

(i) To grant regular time scale of pay to the petitioners in W.A.Nos.468, 469 & 473 of 2025 from the date of completion of three years from their initial appointment on consolidated pay (NMR);

(ii) To sanction 40% of the arrears of pay as full and final settlement to the above petitioners;

(iii) To extend the offer made in para 10(i) & (ii) above to all other similarly placed employees (NMRs), both litigants and non-litigants in Greater Chennai Corporation, who are covered under the Minutes of the meeting fifth read above, in order to ensure uniformity and early settlement of long-pending claims;

(iv) To issue notices to the employees concerned, indicating the settlement terms and stipulating a time limit for their response. Non-response within the stipulated time will be construed as consent to receive 40% of the arrears to pay as full and final settlement;

(v) To finalise payments after verifying the identity and eligibility of such employees;

(vi) To furnish a compliance report to Government at the earliest.

11. It is further ordered that this Government Order shall not be construed or treated as a precedent for any other employees similarly engaged, or for any other category of employees serving under the State Government or any local body.



2. In view of the above position, no further adjudication on merits needs to be undertaken in respect of the present Writ Appeal. Accordingly, the Writ Appeal stands closed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, is 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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To

1. The Commissioner,
Corporation Of Chennai,
Rippon Building,
Chennai- 600 003.
2. The Zonal Officer,
Zone- XI, Valasarvakkam,
No.33, Arcot Road,
Greater Chennai City Corporation,
Chennai-600 087.



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