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WA No. 4001 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE R. SURESH KUMAR

AND

THE HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI

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CMP NO. 32461 OF 2025

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Principal Secretary
to the Government,
Finance (Pay Cell) Department,
Chennai 600 009.
2. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by the Agricultural
Production Commissioner
and Secretary to Government,
Agriculture Department,
Chennai 600 009.
3. The Director of Agriculture,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
Chepauk, Chennai -600 005.
4. The Joint Director of Agriculture,
Thanjavur.

..Appellant(s)

Vs

J.A.Cross Sigori,
Jeep Driver, O/o.The Deputy Director
of Agriculture, Farmers Training Centre,
Sakkottai 612 401, Kumbakonam,
Thanjavur District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer : Writ Appeal under Clause XV of the Letters Patent to set aside the Order
dated 19.09.2024 made in W.P.No.25883 of 2019.



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For Appellants :

Mr. S. Yashwanth, AGP
Additional Government Pleader

Judgment
(Judgment of the Court was delivered by R.Suresh Kumar J.)

This writ appeal has been preferred against the order dated 19.09.2024 made in W.P.No.25883 of 2019.

2. The respondent / writ petitioner entered into service as Driver in the appellant Department on 21.06.1999. He completed 10 years of service on 23.06.2009 and 20 years of service on 23.06.2019. On completion of ten years and twenty years of service, the benefit of selection grade and special grade have to be conferred. This position has been reiterated in G.O.Ms.No.65 dated 26.02.2011.

3. When similar issue came up before the writ Court in W.P.No.25930 of 2013 filed by one M.Venkatesh, that writ petition was allowed in the teeth of G.O.No.65 by order dated 18.06.2014. The said order admittedly has been accepted and implemented by the Department concerned.

4. In the present case, the learned Judge who passed the order which is impugned herein, has followed the aforesaid judgment of the writ Court dated



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18.06.2014 in the case cited supra in W.P.No.25930 of 2013. The said judgment since has been accepted and implemented and no appeal has been preferred against the said order, we cannot take a different view than the view already been taken in the aforesaid W.P.No.25930 of 2013 and there cannot be a deviating stand in respect of the present respondent / writ petitioner alone. Hence, the reasoning given and the conclusion arrived at the learned Judge through the impugned order cannot be said to be infirm.

5. Therefore, we are not inclined to entertain this appeal, resultantly the writ appeal fails and the same is dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed. The direction given by the Writ Court through the impugned order shall be implemented by the appellant Department within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

(R.S.K.,J.) (K.G.T.,J.)
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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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