



W.A.(MD)No.483 of 2021

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 23.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE R.KALAIMATHI

W.A(MD)No.483 of 2021

and

C.M.P(MD)No.2043 of 2021

1.The Director of School Education,
O/o. The Director of School Education,
DPI Compound,
College Road,
Chennai.

2.The Chief Educational Officer,
O/o.The Chief Educational Officer,
Karur,
Karur District.

3.The District Educational Officer,
O/o.The District Educational Officer,
Karur, Karur District.

... Appellants /
Respondents 1 to 3

Vs.

1.N.Punithavathi,
B.T.Assistant (Maths),
Rangasamy Gounder Higher Secondary School,
Nadayanur,
Karur District.

... 1st Respondent /
Writ Petitioner



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2.The Secretary,
Rangasamy Gounder Higher Secondary School,
Nadayanur,
Karur District.

... 2nd Respondent /
4th Respondent

Prayer: Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside the order dated 10.03.2020 passed in W.P(MD)No.4578 of 2020.

For Appellants : Mr.T.Amjad Khan
Government Advocate

For Respondents : Mr.Mohammed Imran
for M/s.Ajmal Associates

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was made by G.R.Swaminathan J.)

The Education Department has filed this Writ Appeal questioning the order of the learned single Judge whereby incentive increment was granted in favour of the writ petitioner for having acquired higher qualification. The Department had rejected the request in the first instance on the sole ground that prior permission was not obtained before acquiring higher qualifications.

2.The issue raised in this Writ Appeal is no longer *res integra*. It has been consistently held that obtaining prior permission is not



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necessary. Our attention is drawn to the decision of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in the ***Joint Director of School Education Vs. S.Vasugi*** in ***W.A(MD)No.1124 of 2023*** dated 24.07.2023. After referring to the earlier judgments in ***Tamil Rajan Vs. The State of Tamil Nadu, Represented by its Secretary Department of School Education, Chennai – 9*** in ***W.P(MD)No.4019 of 2018***, it was held that no prior permission is required for obtaining higher qualification. In this view of the matter, we do not find any merit in this writ appeal

3.This Writ Appeal stands dismissed. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[G.R.S., J.] [R.K.M, J.]
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