



WP(MD)No.20886 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 05.01.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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and
WMP(MD)No.17694 of 2024**

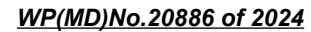
K.Vijayakumar

...Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The Joint Registrar of Co-Operative Societies/
Common Cadre Authority,
Office of the Joint Registrar of Co-Operative Societies,
Tenkasi.
- 2.The Deputy Registrar of C-Operative Societies,
Office of the Deputy Registrar of Co-Operative Societies,
Tenkasi Circle, Tenkasi District.
- 3.The Administrator,
Thili.Thani.115, Nagaram Primary Agricultural
Co-Operative Credit Society,
Thalaivankottai, Kadayanallur Taluk,
Tenkasi District.
- 4.The Administrator,
EE,255, Ramasmipuram Primary
Agricultural Co-Operative Credit Society,
Muthusamiyapuram, Kadayanallur Taluk,
Tenkasi District.

...Respondents



For Petitioner : Mr.D.Shanmugaraja Sethupathi
For Respondent : : Mr.C.Venkatesh Kumar
Nos.1 and 2 Special Government Pleader
For Respondent : No representation
Nos.3 and 4

The petitioner is the Secretary of the Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Society. He is a common cadre employee as per the Tamil Nadu Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Credit Societies Common Cadre Service Rules, 2019. He was placed under suspension by order dated 22.08.2024 by the Joint Registrar of Co-Operative Societies.

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the common cadre authority consists of chairman and members, as follows:

“3(4)

From the Fourth year onwards the Committee consisting of the following officers shall be the Competent Authority (hereinafter called “Common Cadre Authority”) in respect of the Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Credit Societies:-

- (i) The Regional Joint Registrar of Co-Operative Societies of the respective region :Chairman*
- (ii) The Managing Director of the respective Central Co-Operative Bank : Member-Secretary*
- (iii) The Circle Deputy Registrar of Co-Operative Societies at the District headquarters : Member*
- (iv) The President of the Primary Agricultural Co-Operative Credit Society in the district with the highest working capital to be nominated by the respective central co-operative bank.” :Member*

3. Admittedly the order of suspension was passed by the Joint Registrar, who cannot be termed as the Common Cadre Authority as defined in the above Rules. The order has been passed by the incompetent authority and therefore, the impugned order is liable to be set aside.



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4. Accordingly, the writ petition is allowed. The impugned order is set aside. No costs. Consequently connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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