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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

**DATED: 26-10-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI**

**WP(MD) No. 29474 of 2026**

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..Petitioners

Vs

1. The Secretary,
Home (Police XVlIl) Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009Chennai

2. The District General of Police/Director,
Fires and Rescue Services,
Egmore,
Chennai - 600 008

3. The Chairman,
Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board,
Old Commissioner of Police Complex,
Pantheon Road,
Egmore,
Chennai - 600 008

4. The Member Secretary
Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board,
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Egmore, Chennai - 600 008

..Respondents



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**PRAYER:** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order in Rc. No.601/B1/2026 dated 18.02.2026 on the file of the Respondent No.2 and quash the same as illegal and consequentially for a direction, directing the Respondents No. 1 to 3 to revise the seniority list of the Fireman recruited in the year 1999-2000 on the basis of the marks obtained in the selection process within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioners :Mr.G.Karthik
For Respondents :Mr.M.Mahaboob Athiff
Special Government Pleader

**O R D E R**

The petitioners, who are working as Leading Firemen in Tamil Nadu Fire and Rescue Services Department have made a request to revise their seniority from the year 2000 and the same has been rejected by the order impugned in this writ petition. Challenging the same, the petitioners have approached this Court.

2.Mr.M.Mahaboob Athiff, learned Special Government Pleader submits that this issue has already been settled by the Honourable



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Supreme Court in Contempt Petition (Civil) Diary No.6415/2021 etc., dated 18.04.2023, by observing that the revision of seniority, if any, based on the merit of the TNPSC selection would be made only with effect from 2003. Therefore, the request of these petitioners for revising the seniority with effect from 2000 has been rejected. The learned Special Government Pleader has also relied on the relevant portions from the above order and the same is extracted as under:-

> *" 17. We, therefore, though are not inclined to disturb the seniority lists which are finalized prior to 10th March, 2003 wherein the benefit is granted to either of the parties i.e. as per the roster or as per the seniority list, the seniority list finalized after 10th March, 2003 will have to be re-visited in accordance with the law laid down by this Court in Bimlesh Tanwar (supra) and the first judgment of the Madras High Court.*
>
> *18.We are unable to accept the contention of the learned AAG that the State is not equipped to complete the exercise. He submitted that this exercise has to be conducted in about 54 Departments.*



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*19.If the State has 54 Departments, at least there would be 54 Secretaries/Principal Secretaries/Additional Chief Secretaries heading those Departments. Under such Secretaries, there will be at least half a dozen Joint Secretaries and more than a dozen Deputy Secretaries and about two dozen Under Secretaries working in each of the Department. Further, at the divisional levels also, there would be Heads who would be heading the Department insofar as the Divisions are concerned. We are therefore, no inclined to accept the argument.*

*20.If the State has the will to do, it can very well comply with the orders passed by the Division Bench of the Madras High Court and affirmed by this Court.*

*21.We therefore, direct the State Government to complete the exercise of finalizing the seniority lists of selection processes conducted after 10th March, 2003 on the basis of the principle that the seniority list shall be reckoned only on the basis of the merit as determined by the TNPSC in the selection process.*

*22.It is further made clear that if any list is finalized in case of selections held prior to 2003 giving*



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*benefit to the persons selected as per their seniority or as per merit, the same shall also not to be disturbed.''*

3.In view of the above orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, this court is not inclined to entertain this writ petition. Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs. Consequently connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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