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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 19-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WMP.No.1252 of 2026

in

WP No. 1076 of 2026

G.A.Ravi

S/o. Late D. Arumugam, No.60,
Eswaran Koil Street, Gingee,
Villupuram District Pin code-604 202

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

1. The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government,
Agriculture -Farmers' Welfare Department,
Secretariat, Fort, St. George,
Chennai-600 009.
2. The Director,
Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business,
SIPCOT Road, Guindy, Chennai-600 032.
3. The Secretary,
Villupuram Marketing Committee,
Villupuram -605 602.

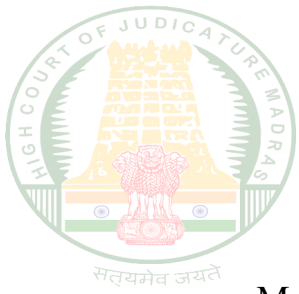
..Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s):

Mr. G.Mutharasu

For Respondent(s):

Mr.P.Balathandayutham
Special Government Pleader

**ORDER**

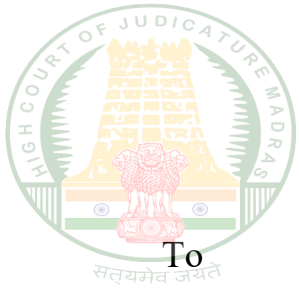
Mr.P.Balathandayutham, learned Special Government Pleader takes notice for the respondents.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was initially appointed as a Watchman and again, he was promoted to the post of Market Maistry by transfer in accordance with Rule 2 of the Special Rules for Tamil Nadu Agricultural Marketing Subordinate Rules which was issued vide G.O.Ms.No.470 Agriculture (AM III) Department, dated 05.07.1989. Subsequently, the petitioner joined in the said post on 25.11.2008. It is stated that the said Market Maistry post is a category 6 post and next level of promotion is Propaganda Inspector in Category-4(1) but, instead of promoting the petitioner to the post of Propaganda Inspector, the respondent posted to the petitioner as Junior Assistant, which is contrary to Agricultural Marketing Subordiante Rules thereby, the present writ petition is filed.

3. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court finds *prima facie* case in favour of the petitioner, hence, there shall be an order of interim stay of operation of the impugned promotion order until further orders.

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