



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 1880 of 2026

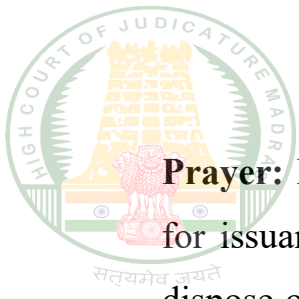
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3. M.Azeetha
4. G.Amsavalli
5. M.Dharmalakshmi
6. R.sridevi
7. K.Amudha
8. K.Kalanithi
9. G.Roselin
- 10.G.Anusuya

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The director
Director of Medical and Rural Health Services,
359, DMS Complex, Anna Salai, Teynampet,
Chennai-600 006.
2. The Principal Secretary
Health and Family Welfare Department,
4th Floor, Fort St. George, Secretariat,
Chennai-09.

..Respondent(s)



Prayer: Petitioner filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents No.1 and 2 to dispose off the petitioners representations made on 10.12.2025, 11.12.2025 and 12.12.2025 for the purpose of fixing the seniority in CNL List and promotion for the cadre of staff nurses in Tamilnadu Government Medical Service, taking into consideration initial date of joining in service as per G.O. No.396 dated 23.08.1999 and in accordance with Rule 35 of the Tamil Nadu Subordinate Service Rules, within 3 weeks

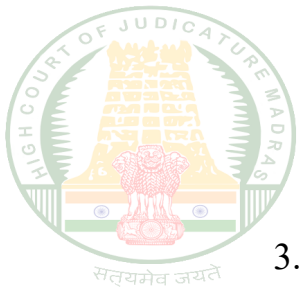
For Petitioner(s): M/s.SP.Srinivasan

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Tippusulthan,
Government Advocate

ORDER

Since, separate court fee has been paid by the petitioners, W.M.P.No.1978 of 2026 filed seeking to permit the petitioners to file a single Writ Petition is ordered as prayed for.

2. The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction respondents No.1 and 2 to dispose off the petitioners' representations made on 10.12.2025, 11.12.2025 and 12.12.2025 for the purpose of fixing the seniority in CNL List and promotion to the cadre of staff nurses in Tamilnadu Government Medical Service, taking into consideration the initial date of joining in service as per G.O. No.396 dated 23.08.1999 and in accordance with Rule 35 of the Tamil Nadu Subordinate Service Rules, within 3 weeks.



3. Mr.K.Tippusulthan, learned Government Advocate takes notice on behalf of the respondents.

4. It is the case of the petitioners that, they were initially appointed as Staff nurse on contract basis under RCH Scheme pursuant to G.O.No.396 dated 23.08.1999 and were posted to District Primary Health Centre on a consolidated pay of Rs.3000/-. They joined duty from the year 2000 onwards. Due to shortage of nurses for the RCH Scheme, the petitioners were again appointed as staff nurse on contract basis pursuant to the G.O.No.230 dated 04.09.2001, in Tamilnadu Government service at Government Primary Health Centre, Vellalore. Subsequently, vide G.O.Ms.No.293 dated 13.11.2006, the Government accorded sanction to convert 2243 posts of staff nurses into time scale of pay. Since, the seniority list of staff nurses on contract basis has not been published, the petitioners submitted their respective representations on 10.12.2025, 11.12.2025 and 12.12.2025 seeking fixation of seniority to the post of Nursing from the date of their initial appointment as contract nurses on 08.02.2001. However, the said representations have not been considered so far. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

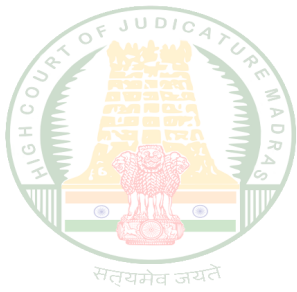


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5. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that, it would suffice, if this Court issues a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioners' representation dated 10.12.2025, 11.12.2025 and 12.12.2025 and pass orders on the same on merits within the time that may be stipulated by this Court.

6. On the above contention, this Court, heard the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents.

7. In view of the limited relief sought for in this Writ Petition, this Court without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the 1st respondent to consider the petitioners' representation dated 10.12.2025, 11.12.2025 and 12.12.2025 and pass appropriate orders on the same in accordance with law within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and any other interested parties.



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8. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid direction. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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