



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

W.P. No. 13486 of 2026

and W.M.P.Nos.14739, 14740 and 14741 of 2026

S.Chitrakala
W/o.Bharathkumar,
No.3/171-2A7, V.K.Avenue,
Panneermadai, Coimbatore-641 017

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu Rep. by
Its Principal Secretary
Finance (Cooperative Audit), Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai-600 009
2. The Director of Cooperative audit
No.571, 2nd Floor,
Integrated Finance Department office Complex,
Behind Veterinary Hospital,
Anna Salai, Nandanam,
Chennai-600 035

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records connected with G.O.(Ms) No.310 dated 06.09.2024, G.O(2Ms) No.53 dated 13.09.2024 issued by the 1st respondent which were rejecting the review petitions filed by the petitioner and quash the same forbear the 1st respondent



from imposing the punishment to the petitioner by reverting her to a lower post of Deputy Director of Audit for the period of 3 years via G.O.(2u) No.60 dated 26.9.2025 till the order passed in the petitioners Review petition dated 17.11.2025 which is pending before the 1st respondent and consequently direct the 1st respondent to pass orders on the petitioners Review petition dated 17.11.2025 within stipulated time.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Balan Haridas
for M/s. S.Parthasarathi

For Respondent(s): Mr. K. Tamil Vendan
Government Advocate for R1 and R2

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records connected with G.O.(Ms) No.310 dated 06.09.2024, G.O(2Ms) No.53 dated 13.09.2024 issued by the 1st respondent which were rejecting the review petitions filed by the petitioner and quash the same forbear the 1st respondent from imposing the punishment to the petitioner by reverting her to a lower post of Deputy Director of Audit for the period of 3 years via G.O.(2u) No.60 dated 26.9.2025 till the order passed in the petitioner's Review Petition dated 17.11.2025 which is pending before the 1st respondent and consequently direct the 1st respondent to pass orders on the petitioner's Review Petition dated 17.11.2025 within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.



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2. The case of the petitioner is that she was selected through direct recruitment in the Group-I examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission and was appointed as Assistant Director of Audit in the first respondent Department on 05.12.2013. Subsequently, she was promoted as Deputy Director of Audit on 28.04.2017 and thereafter, promoted as Joint Director of Audit on 18.02.2019 and she is presently, serving as Joint Director of Audit at the Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Bank, Chennai. While so, charge memos were issued to her under Rule 17(b) of the Tamil Nadu Civil Services (Disciplinary & Appeal) Rules alleging misconduct.

3. It is further case of the petitioner that the 2nd respondent ordered a domestic enquiry into the alleged misconducts and the Enquiry Officers submitted their reports holding that the charges levelled against the petitioner stood proved. Thereafter, the 1st respondent, by proceedings dated 26.09.2025, imposed the punishment of reversion to the lower post, namely, Deputy Director of Cooperative Audit for a period of three years, in respect of the charges set out in the charge memo dated 06.08.2019. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed a Review Petition dated 17.11.2026 before the first respondent seeking reconsideration of the said punishment order. However, the



said Review Petition has not been considered till date. Challenging the same, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

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4. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that pending Review Petition, the proceedings dated 06.04.2026 has been issued by the 1st respondent, which is unsustainable in law. He further submitted that this Court may issue a direction to the first respondent to dispose of the Review Petition filed by the petitioner dated 17.11.2025.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner as well as the Government Advocate appearing for the respondents and perused the materials placed before this Court.

6. Upon perusal of the records, it is seen that during the pendency of the Review Petition, the proceedings dated 06.04.2026 has been issued by the first respondent. The relevant portions are extracted below:-

3) இந்நிலையில் இவருக்கு பார்வை-1 மற்றும் 2 இல் காணும் அரசாணைகளின் வழி வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ள இரண்டு தண்டனைகளும் 31.03.2026 பிற்பகல் உடன் நிறைவடைந்துள்ளது.

4) இதனைத் தொடர்ந்து, திருமதி.சு.சித்ரகலா, கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை இணை இயக்குநருக்கு பார்வை-3 இல் காணும் அரசாணையின் வழி அரசால் வழங்கப்பட்டுள்ள மேற்காணும் பத்தி-1

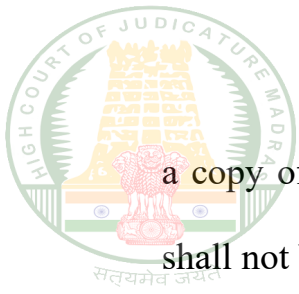


இல் குறிப்பிடப்பட்டுள்ள தண்டனையினை நடைமுறை செய்யும் பொருட்டு இவரை கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை இணை இயக்குநர் பதவியில் இருந்து கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை துணை இயக்குநராக பதிவியிறக்கம் செய்து கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை துணை இயக்குநர் பணிநிலையில் தற்போது காலிபணியிடமாக உள்ள கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை துணை இயக்குநர்/தணிக்கையாளர், வேலூர் மாவட்ட மத்திய கூட்டுறவு வங்கி பணியிடத்தில் பணிநியமனம் செய்து ஆணையிடப்படுகிறது.

5) திருமதி.சு.சித்ரகலா, தனக்கு ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ள கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை துணை இயக்குநர் பணியிடத்தில் பணிசேர்ந்த நாள் முதல் தொடர்ச்சியாக மூன்று ஆண்டுகள் (விடுப்பு காலங்கள் நீங்கலாக) பணிபுரிய வேண்டும். மேலும், பார்வை-3 இல் காணும் அரசாணையின் வழி அறிவுறுத்தியுள்ளவாறு கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை துணை இயக்குநர் பதவியில் இவரது ஊதியம் ரூ.66,700/- (ஊதிய நிலை-25,பிரிவு எண்-5) என இவர் மேற்காணும் பணியிடத்தில் பணிசேர்ந்த நாள் முதல் நிர்ணயம் செய்தும் ஆணையிடப்படுகிறது.

6) திருமதி.சு.சித்ரகலா, தனக்கு ஒதுக்கீடு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ள மேற்காணும் கூட்டுறவு தணிக்கை துணை இயக்குநர்/தணிக்கையாளர், வேலூர் மாவட்ட மத்திய கூட்டுறவு வங்கி பணியிடத்தில் பணிசேர்ந்து அவை தொடர்பான பணிசேர் அறிக்கை மற்றும் பொறுப்பு மாற்று சான்றுகளை இயக்ககத்திற்கு சமர்ப்பிக்குமாறு கேட்டுக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது.

7. Considering the facts and circumstance of the case and the submissions made on either side, this Court is of the view that it is during the pendency of the Review Petition that the impugned order came to be passed on 06.04.2026. Hence, this Court directs the first respondent to consider the Review Petition filed by the petitioner on 17.11.2025 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of



a copy of this order. Till such time, the punishment imposed on the petitioner shall not be given effect to.

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8. With the above directions, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.

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Note: Issue order copy on or before 17.04.2026

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To

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Finance (Cooperative Audit) Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009
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