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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14-07-2026

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

WP Nos. 15648 & 15716 of 2026

and

WMP Nos.16866 of 2026 & WMP No.16941 of 2026

1. P.Selvakumar
Assistant Executive Engineer
Tiruttani Municipality
Tiruttani-631 209
2. V.Sivasankaralingam
Assistant Executive Engineer
O/o.The Assistant Director of Town Panchayat
Nagercoil, Zone-2,
Nagarcoil -629001
3. S.Irwin Jeyaraj
Assistant Executive Engineer
Sankarankoil Municipality
Tirunelveli District -627 756
4. R.Pandiaraj
Assistant Executive Engineer
O/o.The Assistant Director of Town panchayat
Nagercoil zone-2, Nagercoil -629 001

..Petitioner(s) in
W.P.No.15648/2026



1. V.Chitra,
Assistant Executive Engineer,
Pattukottai Municipality

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2. B. Gomathisankar,
Assistant Executive Engineer,
Paramakkudi Municipality.

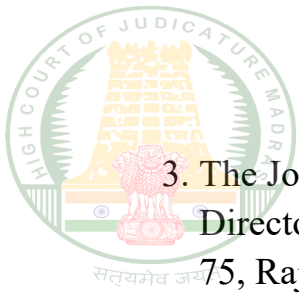
..Petitioner(s) in
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Vs

1. The Principal secretary to Government
Municipal Administration and Water supply
Department
Fort St.George, secretariat,
chennai-600 009
2. The Director of Municipal Administration
No.75, Santhome High Road
MRC Nagar, Raja Annamalaipuram
Chennai-600 028

..Respondent(s) in
W.P.No.15648 of 2026

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Represented by its Principal Secretary
Municipal Administration and
Water Supply Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. The Director of Municipal Administration,
Directorate of Municipal Administration,
75 Raja Annamalaipuram,
MRC Nagar, Chennai – 28



3. The Joint Director (Corporation)
Directorate of Municipal Administration,
75, Raja Annamalaipuram.
MRC Nagar , Chennai 28.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr. R. Singaravelan, S.C.,
in WP.15648/2026 for Mr. S.N. Ravichandran

For petitioner : Mrs. Dakshyani Reddy, S.C.,
in W.P.15716/2026 for Mrs. S.Suneetha

For Respondent(s): Mr.Vijay Narayanan, A.G.,
in both W.Ps. Asst. by Mr. A.R.Balaji,
Gov. Adv.

COMMON ORDER

Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials.

2. In a similar issue raised in W.P.No.974 of 2025, the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court has passed the following dictum:-

"...7. In view of the same, considering the balance of convenience, we are inclined to vacate the said order dated 25.07.2025 passed by the earlier Division Bench in W.P.No.974 of 2025 and whatever promotion to be made by the Department in the particular cadre in the Department of the respondent, the same shall be subject to the outcome of the writ petition."

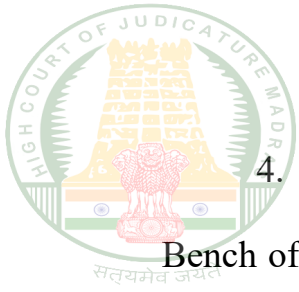


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3. Today, the Deputy Secretary of the Government, Municipal Administration and Water Supply Department has filed an affidavit, wherein it has been stated as follows:

“ ...24. It is submitted that as on date, the respondents will continue to implement G.O.(4D) No.1, Municipal Administration and Water Supply (ME.3) Department, dated 07.01.20225 in accordance with the order dated 26.02.2026 passed in W.P.No.974 of 2025 without any impediments. However, all promotions which are made pursuant to the said Government Order shall remain subject to the final outcome of the pending writ petitions.

25. It is further stated that the issues raised by the petitioners in W.P.No.15716 of 2026, namely, the request to merge the promotion ratio between Municipal Councils and Other Corporations into a single unit and to maintain separate seniority lists for the Greater Chennai Corporation and merged Municipal Councils and other Corporations, are presently under active consideration by the State Government.”



4. Therefore, in the light of the order passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court as well as the undertaking given in paragraph 24 and 25 of the affidavit filed by the respondents 1 and 2, the interim orders granted by this Court in W.P.No.15648 of 2026, dated 22.04.2026 and W.P.No.15716 of 2026, dated 24.04.2026 stand vacated. The respondents shall proceed with the promotion in tune with G.O.(4D) No.1 Municipal Administration and Water Supply (ME.3) Department and the order dated 26.02.2026 passed in W.P.No.974 of 2025. It is needless to state that the interim orders are subject to the final outcome of the present writ petitions as well as W.P. No.974 of 2025.

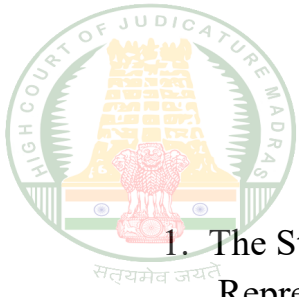
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