



W.P.No.30069 of 2023



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Mr.P.Ananda Kumar, learned Government Advocate accepts notice for R1 to R3 and seeks some time to obtain instructions and file a counter.

2. Notice through Court as well as privately to R4, returnable 17.11.2023. Proof of service be placed on file.

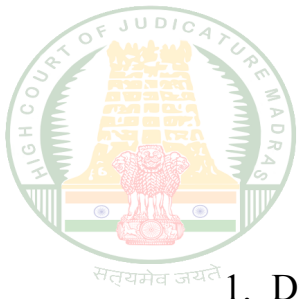
3. The petitioner has challenged an order dated 21.08.2023 passed by the District Social Welfare Officer/R2 responding to the grievances expressed by the senior citizens in a project by name Serene Kshetra at Natthapettai, Village, Kancheepuram District.

4. According to the petitioner, G.O.Ms.No.83, Social Welfare and Nutritious Meal Programme (SW 6(1)) Department, dated 23.11.2016 has set out the manner in which the grievances of the residents in Senior Citizens Home must be addressed.

5. My attention is drawn to Clause XII dealing with 'Funds and Accounts' and sub-clause (6) thereof which bars 'excess collection of security deposits'. It also provides that the monthly charges to be collected from the residents must be reasonable and not exorbitant. Any grievance in that regard is to be addressed to the notice of the Regulating Authority for redressal.

6. The Regulating Authority as per clause XVI is a District Committee

<https://www.mhc.tn.gov.in/judis> which comprises of the following members:



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1. District Collector Chairman
2. District Superintendent of Police Member
3. Deputy Director (Health) Member
4. Revenue Divisional Officer Member
5. District Social Welfare Officer Member Secretary
6. Organisation Ageing Field (2 persons) Member
7. Prominent Senior Citizens (2 persons) Member

7. In the present case, grievances have been raised by the residents, but the order has been passed by the District Social Welfare Officer, who is a Member Secretary, whereas, it is the Committee that should have collectively addressed itself to the grievances.

8. Prima facie case is made out to call for a counter.

9. List on 17.11.2023 along with W.P.No.21312 of 2022. Counter by then with an advance copy served upon the petitioner.

10. Final chance is granted for filing counter in W.P.No.21312 of 2022, with an advance copy served upon the petitioner.

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18.10.2023

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