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W.P.No.33041 of 2017

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 05.12.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE HEMANT CHANDANGOUDAR

W.P.No.33041 of 2017
and
W.M.P.No.36418 of 2007

K.Alexander Barnabas

S/o.Late Prof.K.Barnabas

... Petitioner

vs.

1. The Chairman
Breeks Management Committee
District Collector
Udhagamandalam
The Nilgiris.
2. The Chief Educational Officer
Udhagamandalam
The Nilgiris.
3. The Inspector of Anglo Indian School
DPI Compound,
Chennai-600 006.

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4. The Headmaster cum Correspondent
Brecks Memorial Anglo Indian
Higher Secondary School
Udhagamandalam
The Nilgiris.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to proceedings of the 1st respondent in Na.Ka.No.1-20584/2017 dated 23.11.2017 and to quash the same as illegal and invalid and consequently, direct the 1st respondent to reinstate the petitioner in the post of Correspondent and permit him to work till 31.05.2018 as Correspondent in the 4th respondent Institution, without break in service.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.Ashok Menon
For Respondents	:	Mr.S.Gunasekaran, for R1 Mrs.P.Rajarajeswari Government Advocate for R2 & R3 R4 - Served No Appearance

ORDER



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The petitioner challenges the proceedings dated 23.11.2017 issued by the first respondent, by which the petitioner was relieved from the post of Correspondent of the fourth respondent Institution.

2. The petitioner, while working as Headmaster, was appointed as Correspondent under the provisions of the Code of Regulations for Anglo-Indian Schools, Tamil Nadu, for the period from 01.06.2017 to 31.05.2018. However, the petitioner was unilaterally relieved from the said post by the impugned order without any prior notice and without affording any opportunity of hearing.

3. This Court, by order dated 19.12.2017, granted an interim stay of the impugned proceedings. Pursuant to the said interim order, the petitioner continued to hold the post of Correspondent and thereafter retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation.

4. In view of the above developments, the substantive relief sought in



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the writ petition no longer survives for adjudication on merits. However, it is evident that the impugned proceedings are not a speaking order and have been passed without providing any opportunity to the petitioner, thereby violating the principles of natural justice.

5. Accordingly, with the above observations, this writ petition stands disposed of. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index : Yes / No

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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