



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-06-2026

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

WP No. 29124 of 2025

AND

**WP NO. 28604 OF 2025, WP NO. 4684 OF 2026, WP NO. 923 OF 2026, WP
NO. 1213 OF 2026, WP NO. 1214 OF 2026, WP NO. 37562 OF 2025, WP
NO. 8357 OF 2024**

AND

**WMP.Nos.32671 OF 2025, 9306, 9307 & 9309 OF 2024, 42020 OF 2025,
1413 & 1414 OF 2026, 32033 & 32035 OF 2025**

P.Saroja

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The District Collector
Chennai District, Chennai Collectorate,
Singaravelar Maaligai Chennai 01

..Respondent(s)

WP No. 28604 of 2025

C.Selvaramachandran

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu Rep. By The
Inspector General Of Registration,
100 Santhome High Road, Chennai-600 028.

2. Deputy Inspector General Of Registration
Chennai Zone, Nandanam, Chennai.

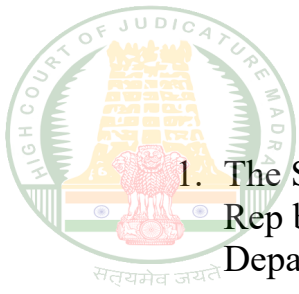
..Respondent(s)

WP No. 4684 of 2026

A.Praveen

..Petitioner(s)

Vs



1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep by its Secretary to Government, Home
Department, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009

2. Deputy Commissioner of Police Armed Reserve
II, Greater Chennai Police, St. Thomas Mount,
Chennai-116

3. The Director General of Police
Tamil Nadu, Office of the Director General of
Police, Mylapore, Chennai-600 004.

..Respondent(s)

WP No. 923 of 2026

M.Pushpa,

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector, Office of the District
Collectorate, Krishangiri.
2. The Sub - Collector, Office of the Sub -
Collector, Krishangiri.
3. Tahsildar, Office of the Tahsildar, Denkanikottai
Taluk, Krishangiri 635 107.
4. The Chief Secretary To
Government, Government Of Tamil Nadu, Chief
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600
009.
5. The Director, Directorate Of Vigilance And
Anti-corruption (DVAC), No.293, Mkn Road,
Alandur, Chennai - 600016.

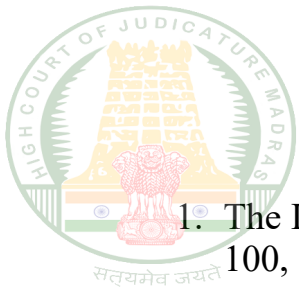
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10.02.2026 Made In WP.923/2026 By MDIJ)*

..Respondent(s)

WP No. 1213 of 2026

C.Senthilkumar

..Petitioner(s)



Vs

1. The Inspector General of Registration
100, Santhome High Road, Chennai-600 028.

2. The Deputy Inspector General of
Registration, South Chennai Zone,
Chennai-600 035.

3. The Deputy Inspector General of Registration
Chengalpattu Zone, Chengalpattu.

4. The Chief Secretary To Government,
Government Of Tamil Nadu, Chief Secretariat,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

5. The Director, Directorate Of Vigilance And
Anti-corruption (DVAC), No.293, Mkn Road,
Alandur, Chennai - 600016.

*(R4, R5 Suo Motu Impleaded Vide Order Dated
10.02.2026 Made In Wp.1213/2026 By MDIJ)*

..Respondent(s)

WP No. 1214 of 2026

M.Senthil Kumar

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector Development Division,
District collectors office, Coimbatore 641 018

2. Block Development Officer Rural Development
and panchayat raj, Makkinampatti Panchayat,
Pollachi South 642 003

3. The Chief Secretary To
Government, Government Of Tamil Nadu, Chief
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600
009.

4. The Director, Directorate Of Vigilance And



Anti-corruption (DVAC), No.293, Mkn Road,
Alandur, Chennai - 600016.

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10.02.2026 Made In Wp.1214/2026 By MDIJ)*

..Respondent(s)

WP No. 37562 of 2025

Amul Raj

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Rep By Its The Inspector General Of
Registration,
O/o.The Inspector General Of Registration,
Santhome, Mylapore, Chennai-28
2. The Deputy Inspector General Of Registration
O/o. Deputy Inspector General Of Registration,
Chennai Zone, Nandhanam, Chennai-35
3. The Inspector Of Police,Vigilance And Anti-
corruption (v And Ac) Department, Thiruvallur
District.

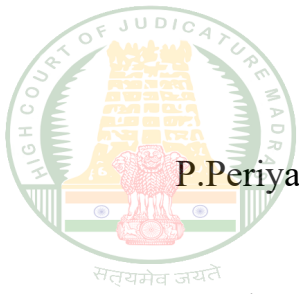
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Alandur, Chennai - 600016.

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..Respondent(s)

WP No. 8357 of 2024



P.Periya Pillai

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..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Revenue Divisional Officer,Kallakurichi.

2. The Chief Secretary To
Government,Government Of Tamil Nadu, Chief
Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600
009.

3. The Director,Directorate Of Vigilance And
Anti-corruption (DVAC), No.293, Mkn Road,
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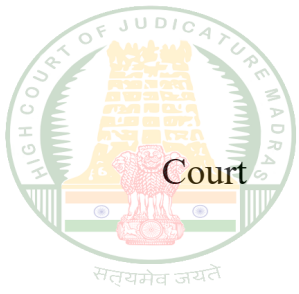
..Respondent(s)

WP No. 29124 of 2025

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records relating to the order of the Respondent dated 9.07.2025 in letter No. A4/e-2043344/ 2024 quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner herein in a non sensitive post with effect from 16.05.2024 with all attendant benefits and pass

WP No. 28604 of 2025

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Call for the records relating to order passed by the 2nd respondent in order No.396/A1/2024 dated 15.11.2024 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and consequently direct the 1st respondent to reinstate the petitioner back into service (in any non-sensitive post pending criminal trial investigation) with retrospective monitory benefits and time frame may fixed by this Honourable

**WP No. 4684 of 2026**

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings of the 2nd respondent in RC. No.32621/ PR.V (1) / 2024 dated 08.01.2026 quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional, and consequently direct the respondents to revoke the suspension of the petitioner and reinstate him in service by posting him in any non-sensitive post, pending disposal of the criminal case in Crime No.01/AC/ 2024/ CC-1

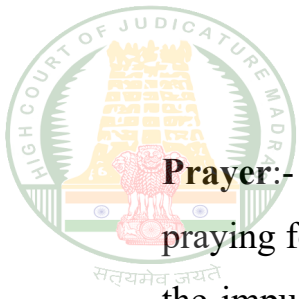
WP No. 923 of 2026

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus Directing the respondent to consider the writ petitioners representation dated 17/11/2025 and pass orders revoking the order of suspension dated 27/11/2024 in view of the G.O.Ms.No.66 dated 06/07/2022 and G.O.Ms.No.81 of 2022 dated 04/08/2022 issued by the Human Resources Management (N) Department within a time frame to be stipulated by this Honorable Court.

WP No. 1213 of 2026

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus call for the records of the impugned order No.704/A1/ 2024 dated 08.10.2024 issued by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently to direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner into service

WP No. 1214 of 2026



Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus call for the records of the impugned order in Na.Ka.No. 2141/ 2025 K5 dated 27.10.2025 passed by the 1st respondent and quash the same as erroneous and consequently direct the respondent for reinstatement of his service in a non sensitive post and to pass

WP No. 37562 of 2025

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records on the file of the 1st respondent made in No.33545/V2/2025 dated 5.8.2025 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to revoke the suspension order issued in proceedings No.1416/A1/2024 dated 25.3.2024

WP No. 8357 of 2024

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus Calling for the records relating to the respondent vide Proceedings No. Roc.No. A1/772/2023 dated 28.3.2023 and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service with all attendant benefits

For Petitioner(s):

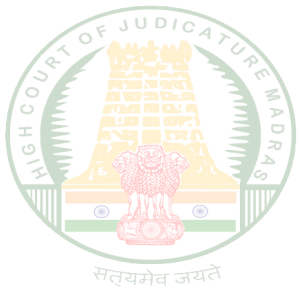
Ms.AL Gandhimathi, Senior Counsel for
Mr.C.T.Murugappan (WP.No.29124/2025)

Mr.A.Arunprasad (WP.No.28604/2025)

Mr.P.Anbarasan (WP.No.4684/2025)

Mr.R.Bharath Kumar (WP.No.923/2026)

Mr.S.Vinodha (WP.No.1213/2026)



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Mr.M.Venkadesh Kumar (WP.No.1214/2026)

Ms.G.Selvi George (WP.No.37562/2025)

Mr.K.N.Pandian (WP.No.8357/2024)

For Respondent(s):

Mr.AR Balaji, for R.1 to R.5 (in WP.Nos.923/2026, 1213/2026,37562/2025), for R.1 to R.3 (in WP.Nos.4684/2026 and 8357/2024), for R.1 to R.4 (in WP.No.1214/2026 and for R.1 and R.2 (in WP.No.28604/2025

COMMON ORDER

WP No. 29124 of 2025 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

calling for the records relating to the order of the Respondent dated 9.07.2025 in letter No. A4/ e-2043344/ 2024 quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner herein in a non sensitive post with effect from 16.05.2024 with all attendant benefits

2.WP No. 28604 of 2025 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

Call for the records relating to order passed by the 2nd respondent in order No.396/A1/2024 dated 15.11.2024 and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and consequently direct the 1st respondent to reinstate the petitioner back into service (in any non-sensitive post pending criminal trial investigation) with retrospective monitory benefits and time frame may fixed by this Honourable Court.

3.WP No. 4684 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

calling for the records relating to the impugned proceedings of the 2nd respondent in RC. No.32621/ PR.V (1) / 2024 dated 08.01.2026 quash the same



as illegal, arbitrary and unconstitutional, and consequently direct the respondents to revoke the suspension of the petitioner and reinstate him in service by posting him in any non-sensitive post, pending disposal of the criminal case in Crime No.01/AC/ 2024/ CC-1.

4.WP No. 923 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

Directing the respondent to consider the writ petitioners representation dated 17/11/2025 and pass orders revoking the order of suspension dated 27/11/2024 in view of the G.O.Ms.No.66 dated 06/07/2022 and G.O.Ms.No.81 of 2022 dated 04/08/2022 issued by the Human Resources Management (N) Department within a time frame to be stipulated by this Honorable Court.

5.WP No. 1213 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

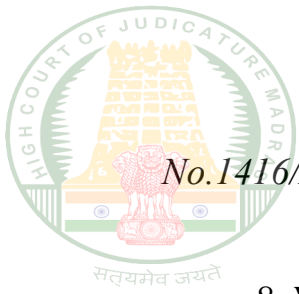
call for the records of the impugned order No.704/A1/ 2024 dated 08.10.2024 issued by the 2nd respondent and quash the same and consequently to direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner into service.

6.WP No. 1214 of 2026 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

call for the records of the impugned order in Na.Ka.No. 2141/ 2025 K5 dated 27.10.2025 passed by the 1st respondent and quash the same as erroneous and consequently direct the respondent for reinstatement of his service in a non sensitive post

7.WP No. 37562 of 2025 has been filed for the following reliefs:-

to call for the records on the file of the 1st respondent made in No.33545/V2/2025 dated 5.8.2025 and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to revoke the suspension order issued in proceedings



No.1416/A1/2024 dated 25.3.2024

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8. **WP No. 8357 of 2024** has been filed for the following reliefs:-

Calling for the records relating to the respondent vide Proceedings No. Roc.No. A1/772/2023 dated 28.3.2023 and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service with all attendant benefits.

Brief Facts:-

9.The petitioners were appointed in various State Government Departments and were serving in different capacities under their respective departments.

10.Based on complaints alleging demand and acceptance of illegal gratification, the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department conducted trap proceedings and initiated criminal action against the petitioners.

11. According to the petitioners, they neither demanded nor accepted any illegal gratification. It is their specific case that they have been falsely implicated in the respective criminal cases and that the allegations levelled against them are baseless. However, the petitioners were arrested by the



officials of the Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Department and were remanded to judicial custody pursuant to the registration of criminal cases against them.

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12. Pursuant to the initiation of the criminal proceedings, the competent authorities placed the petitioners under suspension by issuing separate suspension orders. Since the petitioners continued to remain under suspension for a considerable period, they had submitted representations to the respective authorities seeking revocation of suspension and reinstatement into service. However, their requests were rejected by the above impugned orders without due consideration of their cases. Therefore, challenging the same, the petitioners are before this Court.

13. The petitioner in W.P.No. 923 of 2026 is before this Court seeking consideration of her representation dated 17.11.2025 for revocation of the suspension order dated 06.07.2022, in the light of G.O. Ms. No. 66 dated 06.07.2022 and G.O. Ms. No. 81 dated 04.08.2022.

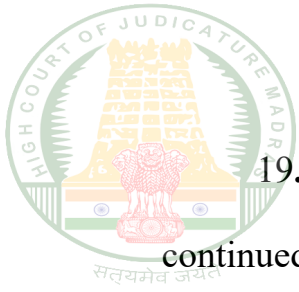
14. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.



15. In the case on hand, the petitioners have been placed under suspension for a considerable period. G.O.Ms.No.81, Human Resources Management (N) Department, dated 04.08.2022, has been issued with a view to prevent unnecessary prolonged suspension and mandates periodical review of suspension. However, the respondents concerned have failed to review the order of suspension periodically as required under the said Government Order.

16. The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the judgment reported in **(2015) 7 SCC 291 [Ajay Kumar Choudhary Vs. Union of India]** has categorically held that the currency of a suspension order should not extend beyond three months if within that period the charge sheet is not served. In the present cases, despite lapse of considerable time, no charge sheets have been filed and the petitioners continues to remain under suspension, which is contrary to the principles laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

17. This Court, in similar circumstances, has consistently held that an employee cannot be kept under prolonged suspension and has directed the authorities to post such employees in a non-sensitive post pending proceedings.



19. In view of the above, this Court is of the considered view that the continued suspension of the petitioners cannot be sustained.

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20. Accordingly, these writ petitions are allowed. The orders impugned in the above Writ Petitions are quashed and the petitioners shall be posted in some non-sensitive posts. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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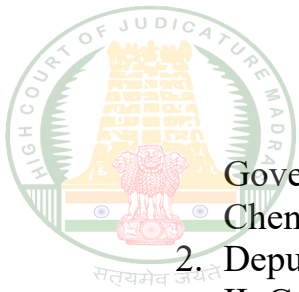
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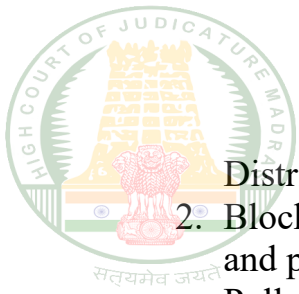
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WP No. 1214 of 2026

To

1. The District collector Development division,



- District collectors office, coimbatore 641 018
2. Block Development officer Rural Development and panchayat raj, Makkinampatti Panchayat, Pollachi South 642 003
3. The Chief Secretary To Government, Government Of Tamil Nadu, Chief Secretariat, Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
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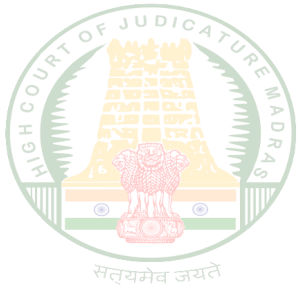
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