



W.P.No.1393 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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Sarveswaran

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The Managing Director
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation
Villupuram Limited,
Villupuram-605 602.

2.State of Tamilnadu
(State Transport Department)
Villupuram Limited,
Virattikuppam,
Villupuram-605 602.

... Respondents

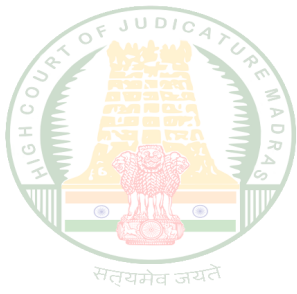
Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the representation dated 29.8.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Nagarajan

For Respondents : Ms.S.Pavithra, Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to consider the representation dated 29.8.2023.



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2. It is the case of the petitioner that, he was appointed as Driver on 6.11.1995 through Employment Exchange by the 1st respondent on daily wages. Since, his services were not regularized despite completion of 240 days from the date of joining, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 30.11.2001 to the respondents seeking regularization of service. Accordingly, his services were regularized on 20.09.2005. Subsequently, on 29.08.2023, the petitioner had once again submitted a representation seeking retrospective regularization from the date of his initial appointment. However, till date, the said representation has not been considered. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that, it would suffice, if this Court issues a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 29.08.2023 and pass orders on the same with the reasonable time that may be stipulated by this Court.

4. On the above contention, this Court, heard the learned counsel for the respondents.



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5. It is not in dispute that the petitioner entered into service as Driver in the year 1995 and that his services were regularized on 20.09.2005. Though, the petitioner had earlier submitted a representation dated 29.08.2003 seeking regularization from the date of his initial appointment, thereafter, he did not choose to pursue the same. After a lapse of nearly two decades, the petitioner had once again submitted a representation dated 29.08.2023 seeking retrospective regularization however, the petitioner has not given any plausible explanation for the inordinate delay in approaching this Court.

6. It is well settled that, a Writ Petition filed after an inordinate and unexplained delay is liable to be rejected on the ground of delay and laches. In the present case, the petitioner having been complacent over his alleged rights for more than two decades, now cannot seek any affirmative direction from this Court. Therefore, this Writ Petition suffers from lapse of delay and laches and is liable to be dismissed.

7. For the reasons aforesaid, the Writ Petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index : Yes / No

Speaking Order / Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation Case : Yes / No

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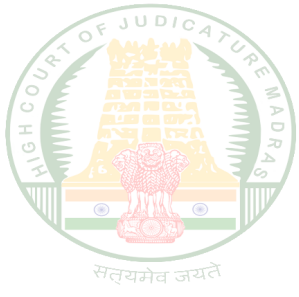


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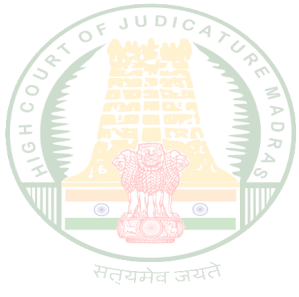
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