



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 1485 of 2026

R.Gnanaprakasam

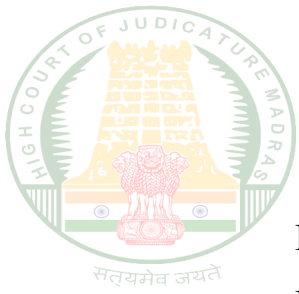
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Director
Directorate of Art and Culture,
Tamil Development complex,
Egmore Chennai 08.
2. The Divisional Assistant director
Directorate of Art and Culture,
Government Music college Campus,
Chettipalayam Cross road,
Malumichampatti (Post),
Coimbatore 641 050
3. The Head master
District Government Music School,
Erode,
Erode district.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Petitioner filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 and 2 to promote the petitioner to the post of Head Master, of Government Music School from the date on which his immediate Junior got promotion with monetary benefits for the year 2022- 2023 and confer all the consequential benefits by considering the representation made by the petitioner dated 12.12.2025.



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For Petitioner(s):

Mr.V.Sivalingam

For Respondent(s):

Mr.K.Surendran, Additional Govt. Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents 1 and 2 to promote the petitioner to the post of Head Master, of Government Music School from the date on which his immediate Junior got promotion with monetary benefits for the year 2022- 2023 and confer all the consequential benefits by considering the representation made by the petitioner dated

2. Mr.K.Surendran, learned Additional Government Pleader takes notice on behalf of the respondents.

3. The petitioner is a visually challenged person. He completed the Diploma in Sangeetha Vidwan (Isai Kalaimani) in December 1997. He was appointed as a Devaram Teacher on 29.12.1997 through direct interview and was posted at Government Music School, Salem. Subsequently, his services were regularized and upon completion of 10 years of service, he was awarded selection grade w.e.f 29.12.2007. The next avenue of promotion is to the post of Headmaster of Music School. Despite the petitioner having fully qualified for promotion as on the crucial date, his name was placed at serial no.3 in the



seniority list, while his juniors were granted promotion. Aggrieved by which, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 12.11.2025 to the respondents seeking promotion to the post of headmaster. However, the same has not been considered so far. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

4. 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 12.11.2025 and pass appropriate orders on the same within the time that may be stipulated by this Court.

5. On the above contention, this Court heard the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents

6. In view of the limited relief sought for in this Writ Petition, this Court without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the 1st respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 12.11.2025 and pass appropriate orders on the same in accordance with law within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and any other interested parties.



7. This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid direction. There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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