

WP(MD)No.1707 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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Dated : 23.01.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

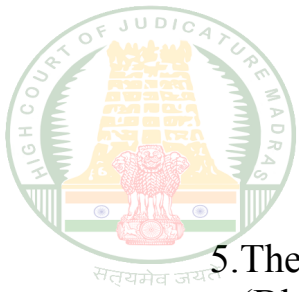
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WMP(MD) No.1344 of 2026

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... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai-9.
- 2.The Commissioner of Rural Development,
O/o.Commissioner of Rural Development,
Panagal Mazhigai,
Saidapet, Chennai-15.
- 3.The District Collector,
Karur District, Karur.
- 4.The Personal Assistant to District Collector (Development),
O/o. the District Collector,
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5.The Block Development Officer,
(Block Panchayat), Panchayat Union,
Kulithalai,
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... Respondents

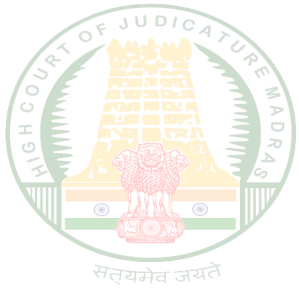
Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order passed by the 4th Respondent vide his proceedings in Na.Ka.PaVa4/6404/2024 dated 29.12.2025 and the consequential impugned order passed by the fifth Respondent vide his proceedings in Na.Ka.A1/829/2024 dated 12.01.2026 and quash the same as illegal.

For Petitioner : Mr.H.Mohammed Imran

For Respondents : Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

The petitioner, who is working as a Junior Assistant in Kulithalai Panchayat Union Office, Karur District has been terminated from service, by the order impugned in this writ petition, on the ground that he has not cleared the Panchayat Development Account Test.



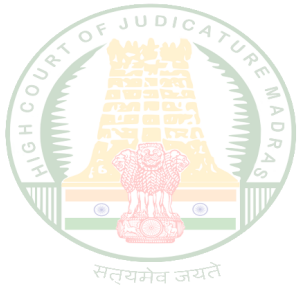
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2.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was initially appointed as Panchayat Secretary in the year 1996 at Thalapatti Panchayat, Thanthondimalai Panchayat Union, Karur. Thereafter, he was promoted as Junior Assistant in the year 2019. According to the petitioner, though he has cleared all the departmental examinations, he has not cleared Panchayat Development Account Test, despite his five attempts. The learned counsel further submits that the Government vide its G.O.Ms.No.41 Human Resource (S) Department, dated 09.05.2023, has relaxed the condition of qualifying the departmental examinations, under the following conditions,:-

- i. The concerned employee should have completed the age of 55 years.
- ii. He should have made an attempt atleast five times, for which, necessary proof shall be enclosed.
- iii. In order to avail the said benefit, the remarks for his employment should be satisfactory.

According to the petitioner, though he has fulfilled all the above conditions, the impugned order of termination came to be passed.



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3.Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh, learned Additional

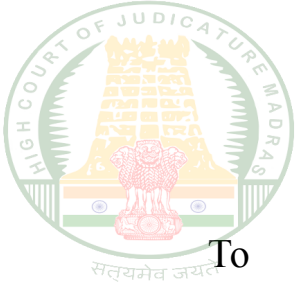
Government Pleader takes notice for the respondents.

4.Since the petitioner has made out a *prima facie* case,
there shall be an order of interim stay for a period of four weeks.

List the matter after four weeks.

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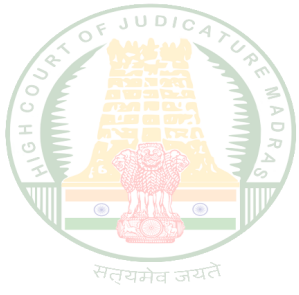


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