

WP.(MD)No.11526 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED: 16.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

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T.N.Ramesh Babu

... Petitioner

Vs

1.The State of Tamil Nadu

Rep. by the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (E5) Department
Fort St.George Chennai 9

2.The commissioner of rural development and panchayat raj
panagal maalgai saidapet
chennai 15

3.D.Kalimuthu

Typist
Regional Institute of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
T.Kallupatti
Madurai District.

4.M.Sumathi

Typist
District Rural Development Agency
Collectorate
Madurai.



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5.P.Karthika

Typist

District Rural Development Agency

Collectorate

Madurai.

6.G.Keerthiga

Junior Assistant

District Rural Development Agency

Collectorate

Madurai.

7.G.Saranya

Junior Assistant

District Rural Development Agency

Collectorate

Madurai.

8.M.Kannan

Typist

Block Development Office

Usilampatti

Madurai District.

9.P.Jothilakshmi

Typist

Block Development Office

Vadipatti

Madurai District

10.G.Revathi

Typist

Block Development Office

Melur

Madurai District.



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11.R.Yogeswari

Junior Assistant

Block Development Office

Madurai West

Madurai District.

12.S.Rajalakshmi

Typist

Thirupparankundram Panchayat union

Thirunagar 2nd Stop

Madurai District.

13.B.Sundarapandi

Junior Assistant

Thirupparankundram Panchayat Union

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14.J.Anbuselvi

Typist

Thirumangalam Panchayat Union

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15.P.Vivek Ananda Raj

RWO-2

Personal Assistant

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Madurai.

16.C.Vinotha

Typist

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17.A.Arun Raj Kumar

Junior Assistant

Assistant Director Audit

Madurai.

18.M.Boologapandi

Junior Assistant

Block Development Office

T.Kallupatti Madurai District.

19.M.Venkatesh

Junior Assistant

Assistant Director Panchayat

Madurai.

20.D.Mathavan

Junior Assistant

Block Development Office

Virudhunagar.

21.P.Gragalakshmi

Junior Assistant

Block Development Office

Srivilliputhur

Virudhunagar District.

22.S.Fathi Muthu Johara

Junior Assistant

Block Development Office

Virudhunagar.

23.K.K.Gowtham

Junior Assistant

Tharamangalam Panchayat Union

Salem District.



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24.R.Jayageetha

Junior Assistant

Tharamangalam Panchayat Union

Salem District.

25.K.Arunprasath

Junior Assistant

Tharamangalam Panchayat Union

Salem District.

26.A.Manikandan

Typist

Sankari panchayat Union

Salem District.

27.M.Subash Chandra Bose

Junior Assistant

Sankari panchayat Union

Salem District.

28.S.Pradeep

Typist

Personal Assistant to Collector (Dev)

Collectorate Salem.

29.B.Ameer Jabin

Junior Assistant

Personal Assistant to Collector (Dev)

Collectorate Salem.

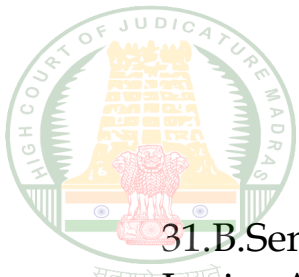
30.V.Gokulapriya

Junior Assistant

Personal Assistant to Collector (Dev)

Collectorate

Salem.



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31.B.Senapathi
Junior Assistant
District Rural Development Agency
Collectorate
Salem.

... Respondents

(R3 to R31 are impleaded vide court order dated 12.12.2025 in WMP(MD)No.22042 of 2025 in WP(MD)No.11526 of 2025)

For Petitioner: Mr.T.Aswin Raja Simman

For R1 & R2: Mr.G.V.Vairam Santhosh,
Additional Government Pleader.

For R3 to R31: Mr.Mohammed Imran,
for M/s.Ajmal Associates.

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned circular in Na.Ka.No.77809/2024/B1 dated.19.04.2025 on the file of the second respondent and quash the same as illegal.

ORDER

The petitioner is working as a temporary Computer Assistant under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme from the year 2009. The Government has taken a policy



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decision to absorb 906 Computer Assistants, who were working under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, as Junior Assistants, vide G.O.Ms.No.37, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (E5) Department dated 22.03.2017. In the said Government order, the Government has also downgraded the post of Assistants as Junior Assistants by creating posts of Junior Assistants for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. While so, the Government, vide G.O.Ms.No.92 dated 13.07.2023 cancelled G.O.Ms.No.37 that the Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission has not conducted the Special Qualifying Test to absorb 906 Computer Assistants working under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.

2. Similarly placed temporary Computer Assistants have challenged the Government order in G.O.Ms.No.92 dated 13.07.2023 before the Principal Seat in WP.No.32020 of 2023 and this Court has entertained the said writ petition by granting *status quo*, vide order dated 08.11.2023. In the said writ petition, further order was passed



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on 12.06.2024 calling for a clarification from the Government as

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4.As far as the issue of creation of post is concerned, it can be seen that originally there were 858 posts in the cadre of Assistant in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme throughout the State of Tamil Nadu. Vide G.O.(Ms).No.37, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (E5) Department, dated 22.03.2017, the Government ordered to downgrade the said post of Assistant and redesignated them as Junior Assistant so that the existing incumbents working as Computer Assistants can be absorbed in the same post. However vide G.O.Ms.No.92, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (E5) Department, dated 13.07.2023, the said G.O.(Ms).No.37 dated 22.03.2017 was cancelled. While cancelling the said G.O., nothing was mentioned about the posts as such. Therefore, as on date, whether the 858 posts exists in the cadre of Assistant or Junior Assistant or Computer Assistant has to be made clear.

The Government has neither taken any steps to vacate the interim order dated 08.11.2023 nor issued any clarification as required by this Court in WP.No.32020 of 2023. While so, the Commissioner has issued a circular to all the District Administrators to fill up the posts of



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Assistants by promotion for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Aggrieved by the same, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3.The learned counsel for the petitioner, by referring to the interim order granted by this Court in WP.No.32020 of 2023 dated 08.11.2023, submits that if the posts of Assistants are filled up by promotion pending writ petition, their prospects of getting regularization would be affected.

4.The learned counsel appearing for the respondent 3 to 31 claims that in view of the interim order granted dated 24.04.2025 in this writ petition, their promotional opportunity has been denied.

5.This Court has considered the submissions made on either side and perused the available records.

6.Though this Court has entertained this writ petition and granted an order of interim stay, the respondents have not clarified



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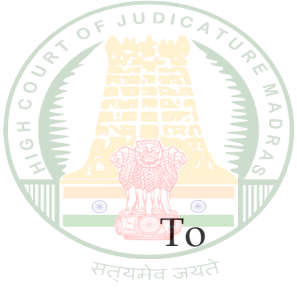
their position till date and they have not taken any steps to vacate the interim order granted in WP.No.32020 of 2023 dated 08.11.2023. They have also failed to submit their clarification as directed by this Court on 12.06.2024.

7.The order impugned in this writ petition is only in the form of circular. The respondents shall proceed with the promotion, if any for the purpose of administration without affecting the rights of the petitioner, who is protected by the interim order in WP.No.32020 of 2023.

8.Post the matter on 06.03.2026. The Government shall also clarify their position before this Bench and also before the Principal Seat by then. Promotion if any provided in the existing posts is subject to the result of the writ petition in WP.No.32020 of 2023.

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