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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.04.2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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and

W.M.P.(MD) No.8502 of 2026

T.Paranthaman

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Director of Public Health
and Preventive Medicine,
DMS Campus, Teynampet,
Chennai - 6.

2.The District Health Officer (FAC),
Nagercoil, Kanyakumari District.

3.Assistant Director (SBHI) / Inquiry Officer,
Office of the District Health Officer,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records pertaining to the impugned order dated 02.03.2026 passed by the second respondent and the consequential impugned order dated 01.04.2026 passed by the third respondent and quash the same as illegal and consequently direct the first and second respondents to drop the



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disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner or to appoint an independent inquiry Officer, if they intend to proceed further in the manner known to law.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.K.Manikkam

For Respondents : Mr.S.Shaji Bino
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed challenging the impugned order dated 02.03.2026 passed by the second respondent and the consequential impugned order dated 01.04.2026 passed by the third respondent and consequently seeking a direction to the first and second respondents to drop the disciplinary proceedings against the petitioner or to appoint an independent Inquiry Officer, if they intend to proceed further in the manner known to law.

2. This Court, after having perused the impugned proceedings dated 02.03.2026, whereby an Enquiry Officer was appointed to conduct a detailed enquiry into the charges levelled against the petitioner, sought to know as to how a police officer was sought to be involved in the process of enquiry in connection with summoning and examination of witnesses

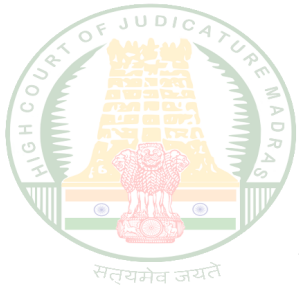


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and required Mr.S.Shaji Bino, learned Special Government Pleader, to get instructions as to how the respondent was justified in issuing such proceedings while appointing the Enquiry Officer.

3. Accordingly, Mr.S.Shaji Bino, learned Special Government Pleader, on instructions, submitted that the proceedings dated 02.03.2026 came to be issued inadvertently and that the same has been cancelled by the second respondent today, i.e., 17.04.2026 and that appropriate proceedings will be issued appointing an Enquiry Officer in accordance with law.

4. In the light of the same, the relief sought in the present Writ Petition as against the proceedings dated 02.03.2026 has become infructuous, as the same is stated to have been cancelled by the second respondent himself. Consequently, the other impugned proceedings dated 01.04.2026 also cannot stand and accordingly, the same is hereby quashed, leaving it open to the second respondent to appoint an Enquiry Officer afresh strictly in accordance with law.



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5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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To

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