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WA(MD) NOs. 147 and 148 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 12-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE G. JAYACHANDRAN

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE K.K. RAMAKRISHNAN

WA(MD) Nos. 147 and 148 of 2026

and

CM.P(MD)Nos.1508 and 1509 of 2026

WA(MD) No.147 of 2026

1. The Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Environment
Climate Change and Forests
Government of Tamilnadu
Namakkal kavingar Maaligai
Fort St.George
Chennai 600 009.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

2. THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
(Head of Department)
Forest Headquarters
Near Kannigapuram Check Post
Guindy
Chennai 600 032.

Appellant(s)

Vs



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1. S Ganesan
Son of Sakthivel
Working as Assistant in the office of District Forest Officer
Sivagangai.
2. J Charles
Son of R.John
Working as Assistant in the office of Conservator and Field Director
Kalakkad
Mundathurai Tiger Reserve
Tirunelveli
3. B Suseela
Assistant
office of the Deputy Director
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
Masinagudi
4. P Ramachandran
Assistant
office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest
Industrial Wood Research Division
Trichy
5. M Senthilkumar
Assistant
office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Chennai
6. PI Samy
Assistant
Office of the Deputy Director of Forest
Srivilliputhur



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7. NP Subulakshmi

Assistant
office of the District Forest Officer
Tirunelveli.

8. R Subbaraj

Assistant
office of the Chief Conservator of Forests
Dindigul

9. S Manjula

Assistant
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Chennai

10. P Vayanaperumal

Assistant
office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry and Extension
Tirunelveli

11. J Padmini

Assistant
office of the Forest Engineer
Trichy.

12. C Mohanraj

Assistant
office of the Deputy Director
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
Masinagudi

13. MA Ramar

Assistant
office of the District Forest Officer



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Trichy.

14. C Karunanithi
Assistant
office of the District Forest Officer
Vellore

15. P Senthilvel Kumar
Assistant
office of the District Forest Officer
Madurai

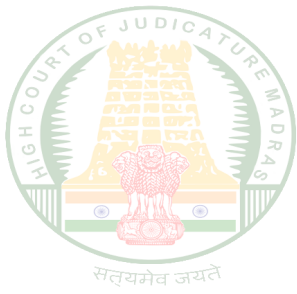
16. B Lakshmi
Assistant
Office of the District Forest Officer
Cuddalore

17. R Loganathan
Assistant
Office of the Conservator of Forests
Vellore

18. A Anandhi
Assistant
Office of the District Forest Officer
Cuddalore

19. M Murugesan
Assistant
Office of the District Forest Officer
Erode.

20. M Annalaksmi
Assistant
Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests Field Director



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SMTR
Madurai .

Respondent(s)

For Appellant(s): Mr.Veerakathiravan,
Addl.Advocate General
assisted by
Mr.S.R.A.Ramachandran,
Addl.Govt.Pleader.

For Respondent(s):
M/S. K.Jeyamohan CAVEATOR FOR R1 & R2

Prayer:Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent Act, praying to set aside the order passed by this Court in W.P.(MD).No.12211 of 2024 dated 07-03-2025.

WA(MD) NO. 148 of 2026

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Represented by its Secretary to Government Environment AND Forest
Department Secretariat
St. George Fort Chennai 9.

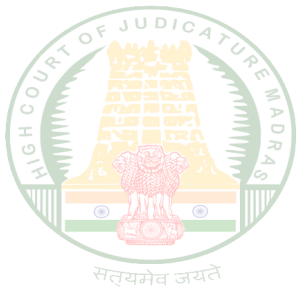
2. THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS
Office of the Pricipal Chief Conservator of Forests Head of Department (Forest
Head Quarters) Near Kannigapuram Check Post Guindy
Chennai -32

Appellant(s)

Vs

1. M Sudalaimani

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Assistant
O/o. the Deputy Director
Srivilliputhur Division
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve
Srivilliputhur
Virudhunagar District

2. A Muniyandi
Assistant
O/o. the Deputy Director
Srivilliputhur Division
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve
Srivilliputhur
Virudhunagar District.

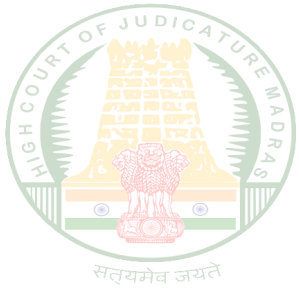
3. V Senthurammal
Assistant
O/o. Chief Conservator of Forests Field Director
Race Course Road
Forest Campus
Madurai-2

4. K K Narmatha
Assistant
O/o the Wildlife Warden
Wildlife Division
Ramanathapuram District - 623503

5. S Anitha
O/o the Divisional Forest Officer
Social Forestry Extension
Tirunelveli-627007

6. A Ashraf Banu
Assistant

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O/o the District Forest Officer
Theni Forest Division
Theni-626531

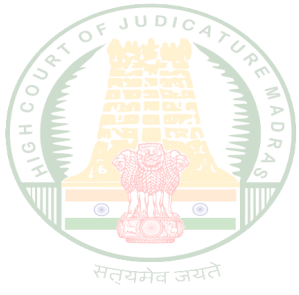
7. Tmt B Suseela
Assistant
O/o the Deputy Director of Masinagudi Division
Mudumalai Tiger Reserve
Masinagudi
Nilgiris-643223

8. P Ramachandran
Assistant
O/o the Divisional Forest Officer
Industrial Wood Research Division
Mukkombu
Trichy-639115

9. M Senthilkumar
Assistant
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Head of the Department Chennai-32

10. P I Samy
Assistant
O/o. Deputy Director of Srivilliputhur Division
Srivilliputhur Megamalai Tiger Reserve
Srivilliputhur
Virudhunagar District

11. NP Subulakshmi
Assistant
O/o the District Forest Officer
Tirunelveli Division
Tirunelveli-627007



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12. R Subbaraj

Assistant

O/o the Chief Conservator of Forests

Dindigul Circle

Dindigul-624004

13. S Manjula

Assistant

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

Head of the Department

Chennai-32

14. P Vayanaperumal

Assistant

O/o the Divisional Forest Officer

Social Forestry Extension

Tirunelveli-627007

15. J Padmini

Assistant

O/o the Forest Engineer

Engineering Division

Trichy-620 020

16. C Mohanraj

Assistant

O/o. Deputy Director of Masinagudi Division

Mudumalai Tiger Reserve

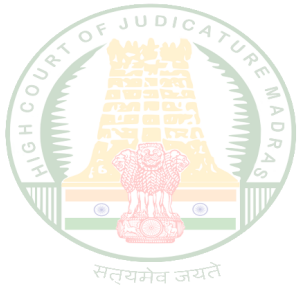
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Nilgiris-643223.

17. M A Ramar

Assistant

O/o the District Forest Officer



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Theni-626531.

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Vellore Division
Vellore- 632 004

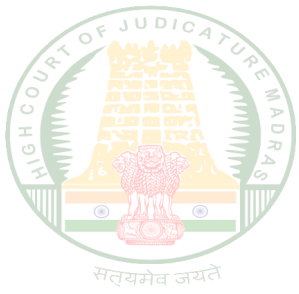
19. P Senthilvel Kumar
O/o the District Forest Officer
Madurai Forest Division
Madurai- 625 002

20. B Lakshmi
Assistant
O/o the District Forest Officer
Cuddalore Division
Cuddalore-607001.

21. R Loganathan
Assistant
O/o the Conservator of Forests
Vellore Circle
Vellore-632 004.

22. A Anandhi
O/o the District Forest Officer
Cuddalore Division
Cuddalore-607001.

23. M Murugesan
Assistant
O/o the District Forest Officer
Erode Division



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Erode-638 004

24. M Annalaksmi

Assistant

O/o. the Chief Conservator of Forests Field Director

Race course road

Forest campus

Madurai - 2

25. S Dinesh Kumar

Assistant

District Forest Office

Erode

26. K Selvi

Assistant

O/o the Wildlife Warden

Hosur Division

Hosur.

27. K Banumathi

Assistant

O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)

Chennai-32

28. G Thenmozhi Suguna

Assistant

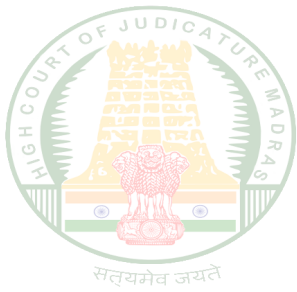
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF)

Chennai-32.

Respondent(s)

For Appellant(s): Mr. Veerakathiravan,
Addl. Advocate General
assisted by

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Mr.S.R.A.Ramachandran,
Addl.Govt.Pleader.

For Respondent(s):Mr.V.Karthick Raja
for M/s. Ajmal Associates

H.Mohamed Imran For R1 To R4 & R6 (in Sr. Stage)

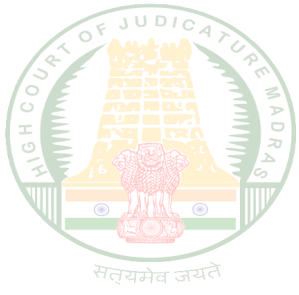
Prayer:Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent Act praying this Court to set aside the order passed by this Court in W.P.(MD).No.12262 of 2024 dated 07-03-2025.

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the **Dr.G.JAYACHANDRAN.,J.**)

Mr.K.Jeyamohan, learned counsel takes notice for respondents 1 and 2 in W.A(MD)No.147 of 2026 and Mr.V.Karthick Raja, learned counsel takes notice for respondents 1 to 4 and 6 in W.A(MD)No.148 of 2026.

2.The matter relates to inter-se seniority among the Assistants in the Forest Department. The dispute is between the promotees and the direct recruitees.



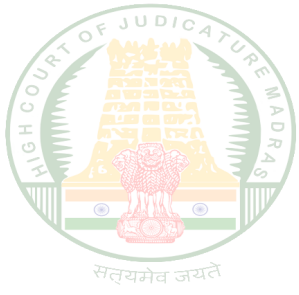
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3.The learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the appellants wants the matter to be taken out urgently, since the further course of action after fixing the seniority is delayed due to the pendency of the Writ Appeals.

4.Accepting his request, the matter is adjourned to first week of March 2026,for final disposal. There shall be an order of interim stay of the operation of the orders passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P.(MD).No.12211 of 2024 and W.P.(MD).No.12262 of 2024, dated 07-03-2025, till then.

(G.JAYACHANDRAN J.) (K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN J.)
12-02-2026

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AND

K.K.RAMAKRISHNAN.,J.

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