



WP(MD) NO. 21281 of 2024



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 11-02-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WP(MD) No. 21281 of 2024

R.Ponnudurai

Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Chief Engineer,
Agricultural Engineering Department,
487, Annasalai,
Nandhanam, Chennai.

2. The Director,
Department of Geology and Mining,
Chennai.

3. The District Collector,
Tirunelveli.
(R2 and R3 are suo motu impleaded
vide court order dated 05.01.2026 in
WP(MD)No.21281 of 2024)

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian

For Respondent(s): M/s.C.Venkatesh Kumar, Spl.Government Pleader

Prayer Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, call for the records of the respondent in DC.3/29109/2022 dated 06.08.2024 and quash the same as illegal and arbitrary and in consequence thereof direct the respondent to reinstate the petitioner in service at once.

ORDER

The petitioner, who is working as an Assistant Engineer has filed this writ petition as against the order of the respondents rejecting the petitioner's request to review the order of suspension.

2.The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner has been placed



under suspension along with another employee one Kalaimuhil, the department has
revoked the suspension order as against the said employee, however, the department has
not revoked the suspension order as against the petitioner alone.

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3.The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submits that the disciplinary proceedings initiated as against the petitioner has been concluded, he has been imposed with a punishment of stoppage of increment for period of one year with cumulative effect and he has also been directed to pay a sum of Rs.3.50 lakh.

4.The learned Special Government Pleader is not having any details with regard to the disciplinary proceedings initiated as against the other officials, pursuant to the registration of the criminal case.

5.The learned Special Government Pleader is directed to furnish a copy of the final report along with the details of the witnesses and the stage of the case. He shall also get the details of the disciplinary proceedings initiated against other officials, who are involved in the commission of offence in the said criminal case.

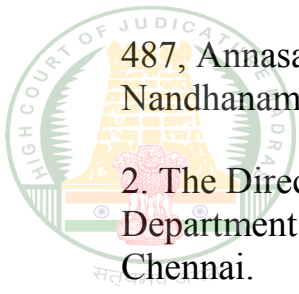
Post on 17.02.2026 under the caption for orders.

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To

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