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W.A.No.660 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 09.03.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R. SURESH KUMAR
AND
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N. SENTHILKUMAR

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D.Sathishkumar .. Appellant

Vs.

1. Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer
Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Thirukoil
Thiruvannamalai 606 601.

2. Fit Person / Chairman Board of Trustees
Arulmigu Arunachaleswarar Thirukoil
Thiruvannamalai 606 601.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, against the order made in W.P.No.5639 of 2026 dated 16.02.2024.

For the Appellant : Mr.R.Sudharsan

For the Respondents : Mr.S.Ravichandran
Additional Government Pleader

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of the Court was made by R.SURESH KUMAR, J.)

The challenge that was made before the Writ Court is against the suspension order dated 05.04.2025 issued by the second respondent.



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2. Before the Writ Court, it was assured on behalf of the respondents that, within four weeks' time, the enquiry would be completed, therefore, recording the same, the writ petition was dismissed through the order impugned dated 16.02.2026 in W.P.No.5639 of 2026.

3. Heard *Mr.R.Sudharsan*, learned counsel for the petitioner and *Mr.S.Ravichandran*, learned Additional Government Pleader for the respondents.

4. The learned Additional Government Pleader would submit that, since the allegation made against the appellant/writ petitioner is an alleged sexual harassment, as complained by one of the women employee, as per the mandate of Vishaka's case, a Committee has been constituted by issuance of proceedings dated 06.03.2026 and that Committee would conduct an enquiry and give a report, based on which, further course of action would be decided by the Disciplinary Authority and he would also submit that, the Committee would complete the enquiry and file a report within four weeks' period.



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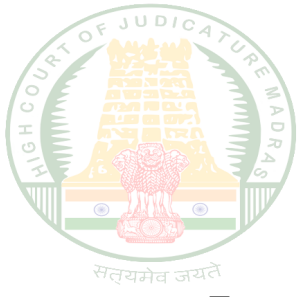
5. The learned counsel appearing for the appellant/writ petitioner would submit that, though he was suspended on 05.04.2025, till date, no subsistence allowance has been paid to him.

6. If that is so, since the appellant/writ petitioner is entitled to get subsistence allowance, the same shall be calculated and be paid, with arrears, from the date of suspension and continued to be paid until the suspension is revoked or till further orders are passed pursuant to the enquiry initiated against him.

7. With these directions, the writ appeal is disposed. No costs. Consequently, C.M.P.No.6270 of 2026 is closed.

(R.S.K., J.) (N.S., J)
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