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Court : Chennai

Decided On : Apr-24-2026

Judge : Honourable Mr Justice P. Velmurugan, Honourable Mrs. Justice K. Govindarajan Thilakavadi

Appeal No. : CONT P/544/2025

Appellant : K. Dharmalingam and another

Respondent : Ms. Smita Kumar and 2 others

Judgement :

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-04-2026

CORAM

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE P. VELMURUGAN AND THE HON'BLE
MRS. JUSTICE K. GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI CONT.P.No. 544 of
2025

1. K. Dharmalingam

2. S. Sankaranarayanan ..Petitioner(s) Vs

1. Ms.Smitha Kumar Director General of Posts Dak Bhawan, New Delhi - 110 001.

2. Ms.Mariamamma Thomas Chief Post Master General Tamil Nadu Circle, Chennai - 600 002.

3. Mr.S.Suresh Kumar Senior Superintendent of Post Offices Tuticorin Division, Tuticorin - 628 001. .. Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, to punish the respondents for willfully disobeying the orders of this Court in W.P.No.22760 of 2013 dated 27.04.2023. For Petitioners : Mr.P.Rajendran Page1 of 3

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by P.Velmurugan J.)

This Contempt Petition has been filed for non-compliance of the order

made in W.P.No.22760 of 2013 dated 27.04.2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and perused the materials available on record.

3. It is seen from the records, as well as from the submissions made by

the learned counsel for the petitioner, that pursuant to the common order dated 27.04.2023 passed by this Court in a batch of writ petitions, some of the petitioners therein have already initiated contempt proceedings alleging violation and willfull disobedience of the said order, and the same are pending consideration.

4. In such circumstances, this Court is of the view that the filing of

subsequent contempt petitions on the very same cause of action is unnecessary and therefore, is not inclined to entertain the same. Accordingly, the Contempt Petition is closed. (P.V.,J.) (K.G.T.,J.) ms Page2 of 3 P.VELMURUGAN J. AND K.GOVINDARAJAN THILAKAVADI J. ms CONT.P.No.544 of 2025 Page3 of 3

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