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W.P.No.8910 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 07.06.2024

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.R.MAHADEVAN, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MOHAMMED SHAFFIQ

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S.Periyasamy

.. Petitioner

Vs

1 The Principal secretary
Department of Social Welfare and
Women Empowerment
Secretariat, St. George Fort
Chennai - 600 009.

2 The Chief Secretary
Government of Tamil Nadu
Secretariat, St. George Fort
Chennai - 600 009.

3 Tamil Nadu State Commission for Women
Kalasamahal (First Floor), Chepauk
Chennai - 600 005, Tamil Nadu.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to appoint designated Nodal officers under Section 5 of Sexual



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Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 in every block, taluk and tehsil in rural or tribal area and ward or municipality in urban area.

For the Petitioner : Mr.A.Fernandez
for Mr.V.J.Arulraj

For the Respondents : Mr.Karthik Jagannath
Government Advocate

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made by the Hon'ble Acting Chief Justice)

Heard Mr.A.Fernandez, learned counsel for the petitioner; and Mr.Karthik Jagannath, learned Government Advocate for the respondents.

2. The prayer made in the writ petition is to direct the respondents to appoint designated Nodal officers under Section 5 of Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 in every Block, Taluk and Tehsil in rural or tribal area and ward or municipality in the urban area.



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3. When the matter was taken up for hearing today, learned Government Advocate placed on record a status report filed by the first respondent, wherein it has been categorically stated that 1047 Nodal Officers have been appointed across the State. The relevant portion of the said report is reproduced hereunder:

"8. It is respectfully submitted that the Nodal Officers have been appointed across the State. The District Officers have appointed 92 Nodal Officers in Revenue Divisions, 289 Nodal Officers in Taluk, 350 Nodal Officers in the Block Offices, 55 Nodal Officers have been appointed in Corporation Zones, 19 Nodal Officers have been assigned in the Wards, 128 Nodal Officers were appointed in the Municipalities, 114 Nodal Officers have been appointed in the Town Panchayat. Totally, 1,047 Nodal Officers have been appointed."

4. In view of the averments contained in the status report, the grievance ventilated by the petitioner in this petition stands redressed.



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5. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

(R.M.D., ACJ.) (M.S.Q., J.)
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Index : Yes/No
NC : Yes/No

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