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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 19-11-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR**

**WP No. 46680 of 2026**
CNR:{HCMA012663522026}
**AND**
**WMP NO. 52497 OF 2026**

Case QR

R.Balaji

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Managing Director
   Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai )
   Ltd., No 2 Pallavan Illam, Pallavan Salai,
   Chennai 600 002

2. The General Manager, Vadapalani Region,
   Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai)
   Ltd No 2, Pallavan Illam, Pallvan Salai,
   Chennai 600 002

3. The Branch Manager, Metropolitan Transport
   Corporation (Chennai) Ltd.,
   Vadapalani Depot, Vadapalani 600 026

..Respondent(s)

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to refer the petitioner to the medical board for assessment to assign light duty to the petitioner that suits the petitioners medical condition until the petitioners retirement, by considering the petitioners representation dated 16.10.2026

For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Balamuki

For Respondent(s): Mr.J.Varun, Standing Counsel



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**ORDER**

The petitioner, while working as 'Special Grade Conductor', suffered a heart ailment and, consequently, underwent bypass surgery on 22.03.2026 and also claims to have been suffering from Type II, Diabetes Mellitus, Systemic Hypertension and Coronary Artery Disease. In view of the same, after undergoing bypass surgery, the petitioner claims to have submitted a representation dated 16.10.2026, requesting for an alternative employment on the ground that, because of his heart ailment, he would not be in a position to discharge his functions as a 'Special Grade Conductor'. As the respondents are stated to have taken no action on the said representation, the petitioner approached this Court by filing the present writ petition.

2. Mr.J.Varun, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents, on instructions, submitted that the respondents would consider the representation submitted by the petitioner in accordance with law and that appropriate orders would be passed.

3. This Court has carefully considered the submissions made on either side and also perused the entire material on record.

4. The fact that the petitioner has undergone bypass surgery on 22.03.2026, which is supported by sufficient material, is placed before this



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Court. In the circumstances, it is for the respondents to consider the request made by the petitioner. However, the respondents herein would not be the proper authority to decide as to whether the petitioner is fit to discharge his functions as a 'Special Grade Conductor'. In fact, it is for the concerned Medical Board to assess the condition of the petitioner and decide as to whether the petitioner would be able to discharge his functions as a 'Special Grade Conductor' or is required to be given any other alternative employment.

5. In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of, directing the second respondent to consider the representation dated 16.10.2026 submitted by the petitioner and refer the petitioner to the Medical Board within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, and to take consequential action based on the report furnished by the Medical Board within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of the report from the concerned Medical Board. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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**MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR J.**

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