

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR

FRIDAY, THE 21ST DAY OF AUGUST 2015/30TH SRAVANA, 1937H

WP(C).No. 24492 of 2015 (J)

PETITIONER(S):

- 1. M.K.RAMAKRISHNAN, AGED 39 YEARS
UPPER DIVISION CLERK
ALATHIYOOR PERUMTHRIKKOVIL DEVASWOM, TIRUR
MALAPPURAM.**
- 2. K.V.GEETHANATH
UPPER DIVISION CLERK, ZAMORIN DEVASWOMS OFFICE
CHALAPPURAM, KOZHIKODE.**
- 3. M.SASIKUMAR
UPPER DIVISION CLERK, THALI DEVASWOM, KOZHIKODE.**

BY ADV. SRI.MOHAN C.MENON

RESPONDENT(S):

- 1. THE STATE OF KERALA
REPRESENTED BY SECRETARY
REVENUE DEVASWOM DEPARTMENT, SECRETARIAT
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695 001.**
- 2. THE MALABAR DEVASWOM BOARD
REPRESENTED BY ITS COMMISSIONER, KOZHIKODE.**
- 3. THE ZAMORIN RAJA OF KOZHIKODE
CHALAPPURAM, KOZHIKODE 673 002.**

**R BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.T.R.RAJESH
R BY SRI.K.R.SUNIL, SC, MALABAR DEVASWOM BOARD**

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON
21-08-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:**

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER(S)' EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT P1. COPY OF THE G.O(P)85/2011 DATED 26.2.11 WITH EFFECT FROM 1.7.2009.

EXHIBIT P2. COPY OF THE LETTER DATED 9.8.12 SENT BY 3RD RESPONDENT TO THE 1ST RESPONDENT.

EXHIBIT P3. COPY OF THE LETTER SENT BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THALI DEVASWOM.

EXHIBIT P4. COPY OF THE JUDGMENT IN WPC 13754/2014 DATED 16.2.15.

RESPONDENT(S)' EXHIBITS: NIL.

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P.S. TO JUDGE

A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR, J.

W.P.(C).NO.24492 OF 2015 (J)

Dated this the 21st day of August, 2015

J U D G M E N T

The petitioners are employees of three Special Grade Devaswoms of the 3rd respondent. The case of the petitioners in the writ petition is for a parity in treatment of its employees with those of six Special Grade Devaswoms, that have been granted the benefit of pay revision and fixation at par with Government servants vide Ext.P1 Government letter dated 25.7.2012, read with the Government Order dated 26.2.2011. In the writ petition, the petitioners place reliance on Ext.P4 judgment of this Court, where the employees of Sree Madanandhaswara Vinayaka Temple, Madhur at Kasargod were also extended the same benefit by a judgment of this Court, stating that there was no justification for not extending the relief to the said employees in the light of Ext.P1 Government letter dated 25.7.2012. Inasmuch as the petitioners in the instant case are also similarly situated as the petitioners in Ext.P4 judgment, which judgment has since been affirmed by the Division Bench by judgment dated 30.7.2015 in W.A.No.1524/2015, I am of the view that the benefit of

pay revision as contemplated in Ext.P1 Government letter read with the Government order dated 26.2.2011, can be extended to the petitioners also. Accordingly, I direct that the said Government Order and the Government letter shall be implemented in Alathiyoor Perumthrikkovil Devaswom, Zamorin Raja Central Devaswom and Thali Devaswom respectively, under the 3rd respondent, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of this judgment.

The writ petition is disposed as above.

A.K.JAYASANKARAN NAMBIAR
JUDGE

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