

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 01.07.2015

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D. HARIPARANTHAMAN

W.P.NO.11957 OF 2015

P.Mangaleswari

.. Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary
Environment and Forest Department
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest
Having office at Panagal Maaligai
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

3.The Wild Life Worker
Virudhunagar,
Ramnad District.

4.The Accountant General of Tamil Nadu
Office at DMS Compound,
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.

.. Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to count half of the service rendered by the petitioner as Social Forestry Worker on daily wage basis from 05.03.1983 till 18.05.2008 along with the regular service rendered by her as Forest Watcher from 19.05.2008 till the date of her retirement namely 30.06.2015 as qualifying service, send the revised proposal to the fourth respondent, grant pension to the petitioner with all consequential monetary benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mani
For Respondents 1-3 : Mr.N.Inbanathan
Government Advocate (Forests)
For Respondent 4 : Mr.V.Vijaya Shankar

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Heard both sides. Mr.N.Inbanathan, learned Government Advocate (Forests) takes notice for the respondents 1 to 3 and Mr.V.Vijaya Shankar, learned counsel takes notice for the fourth respondent. By consent of both the parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal.

2.The petitioner was appointed as Social Forestry Worker on 05.03.1983 in the Forest Department on daily wage basis. Thereafter, she was regularised in service as Forest Watcher on 19.05.2008. She retired from service on 30.06.2015.

3.The grievance of the petitioner is that 50% of the services rendered by her prior to regularisation is not taken into account for the purpose of pension and other benefits as per Rule 11 (2) of the Tamil Nadu Pension Rules. She has relied on a decision of the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.NOS.27 AND 28 OF 2012 DATED 13.02.2012 (GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU REP. BY ITS SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT VS. M.GOPAL) which was confirmed by the Honourable Apex Court in SLP Nos.14838-14839 of 2012 on 10.05.2012. The Government implemented the same in G.O.Ms.No.183, Environment and Forests (FR-2) Department, dated 18.07.2012. Further, I have also passed an order in detail to count 50% of service rendered before regularisation in the case of P.CHINNIYAN VS. STATE OF TAMIL NADU [2014 (6) MLJ 316]. In this regard, the petitioner also made a representation dated 30.10.2013 to the respondents 1 and 2.

4.In these circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of directing the first respondent to count 50% of service rendered by the petitioner before regularization along with the service rendered after regularization for the purpose of pension and other terminal benefits in the light of Rule 11(2) of the Tamil Nadu Pension Rules and also the judgments, referred to above and submit proposal for the terminal benefits for authorisation before the fourth respondent, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the fourth respondent is directed to authorise the same within a period of two weeks thereafter. No costs.

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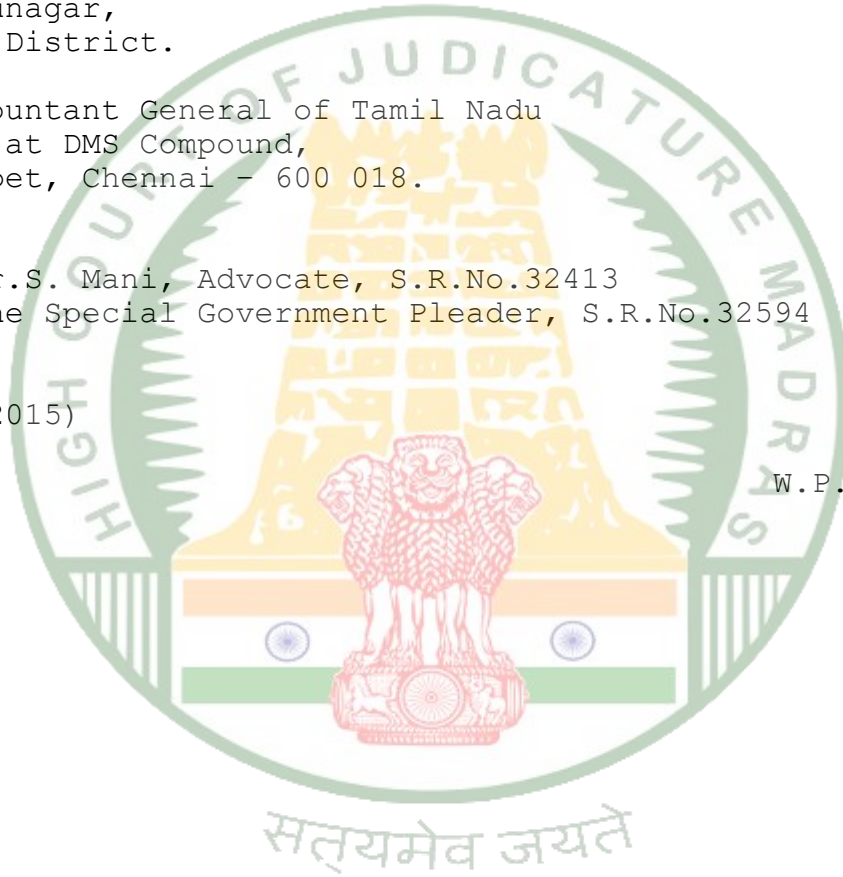
To

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+lcc to Mr.S. Mani, Advocate, S.R.No.32413
+lcc to the Special Government Pleader, S.R.No.32594

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