

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 29.06.2015

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D.HARIPARANTHAMAN

Writ Petition No.18818 of 2015

- 1.G.Joseph
- 2.M.Kothandan
- 3.N.K.Ramalingam
- 4.R.Venkatachalam
- 5.P.Thangavelu
- 6.C.Sambandam
- 7.K.Kesavan
- 8.K.Sivaprakasam
- 9.P.C.Subramanian
- 10.G.Jayaraman
- 11.K.Parthasarathy
- 12.A.R.Munussamy
- 13.M.G.Munisamy
- 14.D.Munirathinam
- 15.A.C.Subramani
- 16.N.Sundaramurthy
- 17.P.Parasuraman
- 18.V.Palani
- 19.P.Govindaraji
- 20.K.Gopal
- 21.M.Srinivasan
- 22.S.Thiyagarajan
- 23.K.Velu
- 24.S.Muthu
- 25.A.Rajeswari
- 26.K.Sakunthala
- 27.N.Srimathi
- 28.Khader Bee
- 29.M.Mekala
- 30.P.Amaravathy

...Petitioners

vs.

- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner of Rural Development
and Panchayat Raj Department,
Panagal Building, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.

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3.The District Collector (PD Section)
Vellore District, Vellore.

4.The District Collector (PD Section)
Tiruvannamalai District, Tiruvannamalai.

5.The Principal Accountant General (A & E)
Tamil Nadu, No.361, Anna Salai,
Chennai - 600 018.

...Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to count two years Rural Welfare Officer training period undergone by the petitioners No.1 to 24 and spouse of petitioners No.24 to 30 for increment and grant increment in the posts in which they were holding as on 30.07.1992 and consequently refix their pay and pension together with arrears of pay and pension.

For Petitioners : Mr.V.Suthakar

For Respondents : Mr.V.Jayaprakash Narayanan
Spl.Govt.Pleader for R1 to R4

Mr.V.Vijayshankar for R5

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Petitioners 1 to 24 and spouses of petitioners 25 to 30 retired either as Block Development Officers/Deputy Block Development Officers/Extension Officers/Assistants/Rural Welfare Officers Gr I and Junior Assistants/ Rural Welfare Officers Grade II.

2. The petitioners/their spouses underwent two years training period in the cadre of Rural Welfare Officer Grade II.

3. By G.O.Ms.No.164 Rural Development Department, dated 30.07.1992, persons who have undergone Rural Welfare Officer training were permitted to count the two year training period for the purpose of probation and increment. Based on the said Government Order, writ petition was filed claiming the benefit. The writ petition was allowed by this Court and the Government issued G.O.Ms.No.105 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj, dated 19.11.2010 in compliance of the order of this Court. Similarly situated persons approached this Court for similar relief and the Government issued G.O.Ms.No.85 Rural Development and Panchayat Department, dated 11.09.2012 in compliance of the order of this Court.

4. The petitioners, herein, also claim similar relief and they made representation, dated 23.01.2014 in this regard. The learned counsel for the petitioners prays for disposal of the said representation in the light of G.O.Ms.No.105 and 85 referred to above, within a stipulated period.

5. The learned Special Government Pleader objected the very maintainability of the writ petition on the ground of laches. I am not inclined to agree with the objection made by the learned Special Government Pleader. When similarly situated persons were granted relief, the Government ought to have granted relief to the petitioners also without driving them to approach this Court. The persons, who claim the benefit under the said government orders also retired long back and they were granted relief by this Court and the same was also implemented by issuing Government Orders.

6. In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the first respondent to consider the representation of the petitioners dated 23.01.2014 and pass appropriate orders in the light of G.O.Ms.No.105 dated 19.11.2010 and G.O.Ms.No.85 referred to above, within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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