

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

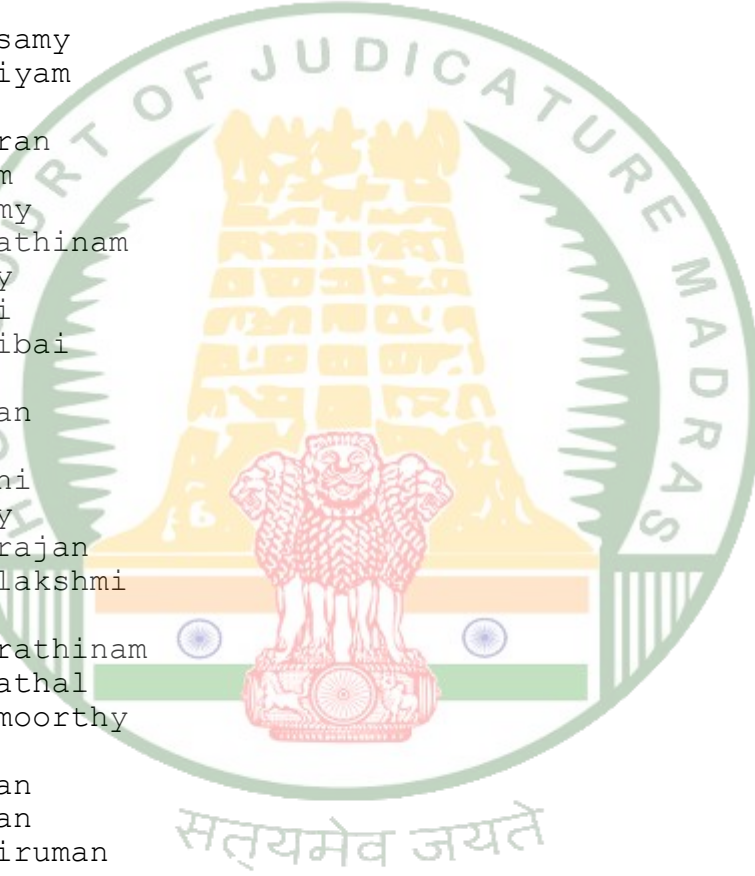
DATED: 29.06.2015

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.HARIPARANTHAMAN

W.P.Nos.18875 to 18878 of 2015
and
M.P.Nos.1 and 1 of 2015

1 B.A.Doraisamy
2 K.Sivabakiyam
3 N.Mani
4 E.C.Bathiran
5 A.Manickam
6 M.Kandasamy
7 P.M.Nagarathinam
8 R.Gurusamy
9 T.Pandurai
10 N.Kasthuribai
11 M.Rajathi
12 P.Murugesan
13 G.Malliga
14 V. Rajamani
15 B.Ramasamy
16 N.Govindarajan
17 R.Amirthalakshmi
18 J.Stanley
19 P.V.Jeevarathinam
20 M.R.Mayilathal
21 R.Krishnamoorthy
22 S.Manian
23 K.Nanjundan
24 P.Pujjaiyan
25 R.Kembathiruman
26 T.Devarajan
27 K.Rajamani
28 K.S.Subbaiyan
29 V.Amaravathi
30 P.S.Nagarathnam
31 N.Gurusamy
32 K.Subbusamy
33 M.Nagarathinam (Family Pensioner)



WEB COPY

34 M.Muthulakshmi (Family Pensioner)
35 V.Indirani (Family Pensioner)
36 P.V.Jeevarathinam ...Petitioners in W.P.18875/2015

1.S.Natarajan
2.V.Balasubramaniam
3.A.Kumarasamy
4.S.Selvaraj
5.S.Palanisamy
6.M.Arumugam
7.V.Gurusamy
8.A.M.Subramanian
9.M.Nachimuthu
10.N.Rathinam ...Petitioners in W.P.18876 of 2015

1.P.Natarajan
2.P.R.Periasamy
3.P.Singaram
4.P.Krishnasamy
5.M.Jessi Sugirthabai
6.C.Subbulakshmi
7.S.Thangavelu
8.S.Rangaswamy
9.T.Paul Raj
10.R.Sivagami (Family Pensioner)
11.Mani (Family Pensioner) ...Petitioners in W.P.18877 of 2015

1.K.Arumugam
2.S.Gopalakrishnan ...Petitioners in W.P.18878/2015

Versus

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
rep. By Secretary to the Government
School Education Department
Fort St.George, Chennai-600009
2. The Director of Elementary Education
College Road,
Chennai-600 006. ...Respondents 1 & 2 in all W.Ps
3. The District Elementary Educational Officer
Coimbatore District,
Coimbatore. ...R3 in W.Ps.18875 & 18878/2015

4. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Karamadai Panchayat Union
Karamadai, Coimbatore. ...R4 in W.P.18875/2015
5. The Addl. Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Karamadai Panchayat Union
Karamadai, Coimbatore. ...R5 in W.P.18875/2015
6. The District Elementary Educational Officer
Tiruppur District,
Tiruppur. ...R3 in W.Ps.18876 & 18877/2015
7. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Avinasi Panchayat Union
Tiruppur. ...R4 in W.P.18876/2015
8. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Uthukuli Panchayat Union
Tiruppur. ...R4 in W.P.18877/2015
9. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Sulthanpettai Panchayat Union
Sulthanpettai,
Coimbatore District. ...R4 in W.P.18878/2015

COMMO PRAYER: Writ petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the 2nd respondent issued in Na.Ka.No.2200/C2/2010, dated 23.07.2010 and quash the same in so far as it denies arrears of pay and issue a consequential direction to the respondents to grant arrears of pay in respect of pay fixation done under the G.O.Ms.No.207 School Education (G2) Department dated 30.09.2008 to the petitioners.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Saseetharan

For Respondents : Mrs.M.E.Rani Selvam, Addl.G.P.

WEB COPY
COMMON ORDER

With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petitions are taken up for final disposal.

2. The Petitioners are retired Primary School Headmasters and they were either appointed as Secondary Grade Teacher or upgraded as Secondary Grade Teacher from the post of Higher Grade Teacher and then promoted as Primary School Headmaster after 01.06.1988 in Nambiyur Panchayat Union. They are governed by Tamil Nadu Elementary Educational Subordinate Service Rules framed under Article 309 of the Constitution of India.

3. Before 01.06.1988, the post of Secondary Grade Teacher as well as the post of Primary School Headmaster carried the same scale of pay. After 01.06.1988, the post of Primary School Headmaster became promotional post from the post of Secondary Grade Teacher and higher scale was given, during which time, the Secondary Grade Teachers, who were holding the post of Primary School Headmaster as on 01.06.1988 were allowed to be continued as Primary School Headmaster after 01.06.1988, that is, the juniors, who were holding the post as on 01.06.1988 continued as Primary School Headmasters, while some of their seniors continued to work as Secondary Grade Teachers.

4. This led to lot of litigations. Ultimately, the same was resolved by the Government by issuing various orders to count the service rendered as Secondary Grade Teacher for the purpose of granting selection grade/special grade to the post of Primary School Headmaster.

5. The grievance of the petitioners is that they should also be given the same benefit with arrears.

6. It is submitted by both sides that the issue is covered by the decision of this Court in the case of S.Chandrasekaran and others Vs. The Government of Tamil Nadu, rep. By Secretary to the Government, School Education Department and others in W.P.No.25001 of 2012 dated 11.11.2014.

7. I have considered in detail the history about grant of Selection Grade and Special Grade to the Primary School Headmaster by counting their service rendered in the Secondary Grade Teacher Post, if they were appointed as Secondary Grade Teachers prior to 01.06.1988. It is relevant to extract Paragraph 60, 62 and 65 of the said judgment.

"60. Applying the same analogy, the persons who joined as Secondary Grade Teachers before 01.06.1988 is entitled to claim the benefit of counting the service of Secondary Grade Teachers for Selection Grade and Special Grade in the post of Primary School Headmaster, if they

were promoted as Primary School Headmaster after 01.06.1988, without fixing the cut off date as 31.12.1995.

62. It is well settled in a catena of decisions that the State shall not discriminate its employees in granting monetary benefits, if they are similarly situated only on the ground that some did not come to the Court, as such discrimination amounts to violation of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution.

65. For all the aforesaid reasons, the writ petition is allowed and the proceeding dated 23.07.2010 in Na.Ka.No.2200/C2/2010 of the second respondent is quashed and a direction is issued to the respondents to extend the benefit of counting the service of Secondary Grade Teacher for grant of Selection Grade and Special Grade in the post of Primary School Headmaster with monetary benefits to the persons who were promoted after 01.06.1988, if those teachers joined prior to 01.06.1988 without reference to the date of promotion as Primary School Headmaster and without driving them to this Court to obtain an order in their favour and also a direction is issued to the respondents to pay the monetary benefits, i.e., arrears of pay to the petitioners, pursuant to the grant of Special Grade in the post of Primary School Headmaster, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. "

7. In view of the judgment dated 11.11.2014 passed in W.P.No.25001 of 2012, these Writ Petitions are allowed. The impugned order is quashed and the respondents are directed to grant arrears of pay in respect of pay fixation done under the G.O.Ms.No.207 School Education (G2) Department dated 30.09.2008 to the petitioners. The said exercise shall be carried out by the respondents within a period of 12 weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, connected MPs are closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(J)

//True Copy//

Sub Assistant Registrar

rpa

To

1. The Secretary to the Government
The Government of Tamil Nadu
School Education Department
Fort St.George, Chennai-600009
 2. The Director of Elementary Education
College Road, Chennai-600 006
 3. The District Elementary Educational Officer
Coimbatore District, Coimbatore.
 4. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Karamadai Panchayat Union
Karamadai, Coimbatore.
 5. The Addl. Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Karamadai Panchayat Union
Karamadai, Coimbatore.
 6. The District Elementary Educational Officer
Tiruppur District, Tiruppur.
 7. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Avinasi Panchayat Union
Tiruppur.
 8. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Uthukuli Panchayat Union
Tiruppur.
 9. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer
Sulthanpettai Panchayat Union
Sulthanpettai, Coimbatore District.
- 4 CCs to Mr.R.Saseetharan, Advocate SR.No. 32284 to 32286
- 1 CC to the Government Pleader, SR.No. 32097

RSI (CO)
PSI (31.07.2015)

W.P.Nos.18875 to 18878 of 2015