

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.07.2015

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D. HARIPARANTHAMAN

W.P.No.19625 of 2015
and M.P.No.1 of 2015

A.Maadhu

.. Petitioner

vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Forest and Environment Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest,
Panagal Building,
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
3. District Forest Officer,
Sathiyamangalam Division,
Sathiyamangalam - 2,
Erode District.
4. Forest Ranger,
Forest Ranger Office,
MSCS Valappady Range,
Valappady.
5. The Principal Accountant General of T.N.,
Accounts and Entitlement,
O/o.The Accountant General,
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.

.. Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the reocrds of the second respondent in his proceedings No.Na.Ka.No.PON/08712/08, dated 22.02.2008, and quash the same and consequently direct the respondents 1 to 4 to count half of the service rendered by the petitioner from the date of joining in service as Plot Watcher from September 1976 to 10.01.2000 along with regularised service rendered by the petitioner as Forest Watcher from 11.01.2000 to 31.01.2008 as qualifying service and send the revised proposal to the fifth respondent to grant pension with all consequential pensionary benefits from date of retirement and arrears with interest.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Rajesh

For Respondents : Mr.N.Inbanathan,
Govt. Advocate (Forests) for RR 1 to 4

Mr.Vijayashankar for R5

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Heard both sides.

2. According to the petitioner, he served as Plot Watcher from September 1976 to 11.01.2000. Subsequently, he was regularised as Forest Watcher on 11.01.2000. He retired from service on 31.01.2008.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that 50% of the services rendered by him 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. The petitioner has relied on the decision of the Hon'ble 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 Hon'ble 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, reported in (2014) 6 MLJ 316.

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 authorization before the fifth respondent, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the fifth respondent is directed to authorize the same within a period of two weeks thereafter. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Principal Secretary,
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Chennai - 600 009.
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Valappady.
5. The Principal Accountant General (A&E),
Tamil Nadu, Chennai - 600 018.

+1cc to Mr.V. Vijayshankar, Advocate, S.R.No.33567
+1cc to Mr.P. Rajesh, Advocate, S.R.No.33221
+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.33325

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