

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.07.2015

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE D. HARIPARANTHAMAN

W.P.No.21738 of 2015

M.Radhammal

.. Petitioner

vs.

1. Government of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Secretary to Government,
Environment and Forest Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Having office at Panagal Building, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.
3. The District Forest Officer,
Vellore District.
4. The Accountant General of Tamil Nadu,
Office at DMS Compound,
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.

.. Respondents

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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's husband as Plot Watcher on daily wage basis from 01.05.1982 to 27.12.2004 along with the regular service rendered by him as Forest Watcher and Forest Guard from 28.12.2004 till the date of his death namely, 16.12.2014 as qualifying service, send the revised proposal to the fourth respondent, grant family pension to the petitioner with all consequential monetary benefits.

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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Mani

For Respondents : Mr.N.Inbanathan,
Govt. Advocate (Forests) for RR 1 to 3

Mr.Vijayashankar for R4

ORDER

Heard both sides.

2. According to the petitioner, her husband was appointed as Plot Watcher on 01.05.1982 and he was regularised as Forest Watcher on 28.12.2004. Subsequently, he was promoted as Forest Guard. While in service, he died on 16.12.2014.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that 50% of the services rendered by her husband prior to regularisation is not taken into account for the purpose of family 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's husband before regularization along with the service rendered after regularization for the purpose of family 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 fourth respondent, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and the fourth respondent is directed to authorize the same within a period of two weeks thereafter. No costs.

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Index : Yes/No

Internet : Yes

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Note : Issue order copy on

To

1. The Principal Secretary,
Environment and Forest Department,
Government of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest and
Panagal Building,
Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.

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3. The District Forest Officer,
Vellore District.
4. The Accountant General of Tamil Nadu,
O/o.The Accountant General,
Teynampet, Chennai - 600 018.

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