

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21-09-2015

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.SATHYANARAYANAN

WRIT PETITION No.29607 of 2015

N.Lalithabai

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu
Rep. By its Secretary
Transport Department
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009
2. Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation
(Salem) Ltd.,
Rep. By its Managing Director
Salem
3. The Commissioner
Employees Provident Fund
Regional Office
No.20, Royapettah High Road
Chennai 600 014

... Respondents

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the first respondent to grant Family Pension to the petitioner from 20.11.2013, the date of death of the petitioner's husband by following the judgments in W.A.No.1246 of 2009 dated 18.8.2010, and in W.P.No.33975 of 2005 dated 20.9.2011.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.S.Jagadeesan

For Respondents : Mr.S.Gunasekaran
Government Advocate for R1

Mr.V.Udayakumar for R2

Mr.T.R.Sundaram for R3

ORDER

By consent, the writ petition itself is taken up for final disposal.

2.The petitioner would state that her husband was initially appointed as a Tradesman in the services of the erstwhile State Transport Corporation on 1.7.1964, and due to the formation of various Transport Corporations, he was absorbed in the very same capacity in the services of Anna Transport Corporation Limited, on 1.5.1975, and he retired under Voluntary Retirement Scheme, on 30.4.1994, and was in receipt of pension and he died on 27.3.2013.

3.The petitioner would further state that she is receiving the family pension of Rs.529/- under the EPF Scheme, 1995, and in terms of G.O.Ms.No.110, Transport Department, dated 6.6.2002, family pension was sanctioned to the families of erstwhile Tamil Nadu State Transport Department employees and vide G.O.Ms.No.189, Transport (RW1) Department, dated 13.8.2004, the first respondent has also extended the benefit of family pension and by means of subsequent G.O.Ms.No.42, Transport (RW) Department, dated 27.5.2005, the first respondent has extended the said benefit to the erstwhile Tamil Nadu State Transport Department employees, who had put in less than 10 years of Government Service in Tamil Nadu State Transport Department, by fixing the cut off date for family pension as 1.4.1982.

4.The claim of the petitioner is that persons similarly placed, were granted family pension and therefore, she is also entitled to get family pension and in this regard, submitted a representation dated 18.8.2015, to the respondents and since no orders have been passed, came forward to file this writ petition.

5.Mr.V.S.Jagadeesan, learned Counsel appearing for the petitioner, would submit that the matter in issue, is squarely covered by the judgment dated 18.8.2010, made in W.A.No.1246 of 2009, as well as the order dated 20.9.2011, made in W.P.Nos.33975 of 2005 and some of the orders passed by this Court in this regard, have also been implemented by the first respondent by issuing Government Orders in G.O.(3D) No.20, Transport (RW1) Department, dated 18.7.2013, and G.O.(3D) Nos.22 and 23 (very same Department) dated 25.7.2013, and prays for similar relief.

6.The Court heard the submissions of Mr.S.Gunasekaran, learned Government Advocate, who accepted notice on behalf of the first respondent, Mr.V.Udayakumar, learned Standing Counsel, who accepted notice on behalf of the second respondent, and Mr.T.R.Sundaram, learned Standing Counsel, who accepted notice on behalf of the third respondent, also.

7. Though the petitioner prayed for a larger relief, this Court, in the light of the facts and circumstances, directs the first respondent to consider and dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 18.8.2015, on merits and in accordance with law, after taking note of the above said orders passed by this Court, as well as the above cited Government Orders, within a period of ten weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and communicate the decision taken, to the petitioner. The writ petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS III)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To:

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