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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.04.2016

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.MANIKUMAR

and

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S.S.SUNDAR

W.A.(MD)No.850 of 2016

and

C.M.P.(MD).No.5137 of 2016

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
represented by the Additional Chief Secretary,
Department of School Education,
Fort St. George,
Madras 600 009.
2. The Director of School Education,
DPI Campus, College Road,
Chennai 600 006.
3. The District Elementary Educational Officer,
The Office of the District Elementary Educational Officer,
Tuticorin District.
4. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer,
The Office of the Assistant Elementary Educational Officer,
Sathankulam,
Tuticorin District.

... Appellants

Vs.

1. Mr.R.Vargees Raja
2. The Correspondent,
St. Joseph's Middle School,
Kadakulam Post,
Tuticorin District - 628656

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Appeal is filed under Clause XV of Letter Patent against the interim order passed by this Hon'ble Court, dated 08.12.2015 in M.P.(MD).No.3 of 2015 in W.P.(MD).No.16550 of 2015.

Prayer in MP(MD). 3/ 2015 in WP(MD).16650/2015 :

To direct the respondents to accord temporary approval and pay salary to the petitioner working as B.T. Assistant(Science) in St.Josephs Middle School, Kadakulam post, Tuticorin District 628 656, w.e.f. 24.06.2013 pending disposal of the above writ

Prayer in WP(MD). 16650/ 2015 :

Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court To issue a WRIT OF CERTIORARIFIED MANDAMUS calling for the records pertaining to the impugned G.O.Ms.No.181, School Education (C2) Department, dated 15.11.2011 on the file of the 1st respondent, and the consequential proceedings dated 31.07.2015 in A.Thi.Mu.No. 330/A1/2015 on the file of the 4th respondent and quash the same in respect of the petitioner, directing the respondents to approve the appointment of the petitioner Mr.R.Vargees Raja, as B.T. Assistant(Science) in St.Josephs Middle school.

For Appellants : Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan
Special Government Pleader

For Respondent : Mr.Fr.Xavier Arulraj

JUDGMENT

(Judgment of this Court was delivered by S.MANIKUMAR,J.)

In the present writ appeal, the challenge made is to the order passed by the writ Court, directing the appellants to grant temporary approval and pay salary to the first respondent, who is working as B.T.Assistant in the second respondent's school till the disposal of the writ petition.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the parties in the appeal, have consented that, they are agreeable that the order passed in W.A.(MD) No.220/2016 dated 05.02.2016, be passed in the present appeal also, details of which are given below. Thus, by consent, the present appeal is taken up and disposed of.

3. On an earlier occasion, a similar Writ Appeal (MD)No.220 of 2016, filed by the State, has been considered and disposed of on 05.02.2016 by a Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court, to which, one of us (SMKJ) is a party.

4. Mr.Fr.Xavier Arulraj, learned counsel appearing for the first respondent/petitioner has consented for a similar order to be passed.

5. Inasmuch as the learned counsel for the first respondent/writ petitioner has consented for a similar order as made in W.A.(MD) No.220 of 2016, dated 05.02.2016, this Court deem it fit to extract the same and dispose of the Writ Appeal on the same lines:

"4.In a similar writ appeal filed by the State in the Division Bench, a Division Bench of this Court has passed the following order in W.A.No.1299 of 2015, dated 14.09.2015.



'4.Be that as it may, the issue as to whether the provisions of the Act, will be applicable to a minority institution, is pending consideration in Aswinithanappan Vs. Director of Education and another - (2014) 8 SCC 272.

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5.In view of the above, without going into the merits of the case as to whether a teacher appointed in a minority school is required to have TET qualification, as the same is the subject matter of the Writ petition, we are of the considered view that interest justice would subserve, if the appointment of the first respondent is protected, without giving any direction to the State Government to grant temporary approval.

6.Mr.D.Krishnakumar, learned Special Government Pleader (Education) appearing for the appellants fairly submits that the first respondent shall not be terminated during the pendency of the said writ petition being W.P.No.14072 of 2015.

7.Accordingly, we direct that the first respondent shall be given her salary in the course of her employment and no steps to remove her from service shall be taken till the disposal of the writ petition. However, it is made clear that this order is subject to the final outcome of the pending writ petition. It is further made clear that the first respondent shall not claim any equity on account of this order, without prejudice to the rights and contentions of the parties, therein.

8.This intra-Court appeal is disposed of accordingly. No costs. Connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed. "

6. By consent, Writ Appeal is disposed of on the same lines as ordered in W.A.(MD)No.220 of 2016 dated 05.02.2016. Having consented, appellants are directed to comply with the orders. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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