

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE A.V. SESA SAI

WRIT PETITION No.6962 OF 2016

ORDER:

This Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the following relief:

“to issue writ, order or directions more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the Letter No. SP/19(MB 2)/2016-TS, dated; 28-1-2016 passed by respondents in declaring the petitioner unfit for all other categories as per the Medical standards of APSRTC and directing to opt either for additional Monetary benefits on retirement on medical grounds or for employment to the petitioner dependents without offering and providing any suitable alternative employment to the petitioner as per the Section 47 of The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and full Participation) Act 1995 as illegal and arbitrary and set aside the same and further direct the respondents herein to provide any suitable alternative employment to the petitioner as per Law and The Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995 including all service benefits of Driver and payment of salaries for out of employment period and pass such other order or orders in the interest of justice as otherwise, petitioner may put irreparable loss and hardship.”

2. When the matter is taken up, it is represented by learned counsel for the petitioner so also the learned standing counsel that the issue in the present writ petition is squarely covered by the orders of this Court in W.P.No.36337 of 2012 and batch, dated 29.01.2016 and a copy of the same is also placed on record. The operative portion of the said order at Paragraph No.63 reads as under:

“63. The points are answered in favour of the petitioners. The Writ Petitions are allowed. The following directions are issued:

- 1) All the drivers who are not assigned work after they were declared as medically unfit are entitled to pay and allowances attached to the post of Driver till they*

were retired from service / alternative job is provided to them. They shall be paid arrears of pay and allowances with 8% interest from the due date till the date of payment. This direction is general and applicable to all Drivers. The Corporations shall undertake review of all such claims and shall ensure that no driver is denied pay and allowances on this issue. The order shall be complied within eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of the Order.

- 2) Petitioners and all Drivers who are declared as unfit to drive on account of 'acquiring disability' while in service are entitled to provision of alternative job as a matter of course. The Corporations shall endeavour to provide alternative job of the same status. For any reason, alternative job of the same status is not possible and the drivers are adjusted in any other post, they shall be paid the same pay and allowances as were paid to them as Drivers including the annual increments.*
- 3) If alternative job cannot be provided, the Drivers shall be kept in a supernumerary post until a suitable post is available or till he attains the age of superannuation whichever is earlier and shall be paid pay and allowances of the post of Drivers until they attained the age of superannuation.*
- 4) These directions are applicable to all similarly situated drivers."*

3. Following the above said order and for the reasons recorded therein, this Writ Petition is also allowed, in terms of the above order.

4. Miscellaneous petitions pending consideration, if any, in the Writ Petition shall stand closed in consequence. No order as to costs.

A.V.SESHA SAI, J

10.03.2016

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