

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16.11.2018

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE S.MANIKUMAR
AND
THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

W.A.No.2505 of 2018
and CMP No.20332 of 2018

1. The Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

2. Director of School Education,
College Road, Chennai - 600 006.

3. The Chief Educational Officer,
Thanjavur

... Appellants

Vs.

S.Ramadoss

... Respondent

Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent against the Order dated 12.05.2017 made in W.P.No.16200 of 2008.

For Appellants : Mr.C.Munusamy (Education)
Special Government Pleader
For Respondent : Mr.R.Saseetharan

JUDGEMENT

(Order of the Court was delivered by S.MANIKUMAR, J)

Instant writ appeal is directed against the order dated 12.05.2017 made in W.P.No.16200 of 2008.

2. Short facts leading to the filing of writ appeal are as follows:

Respondent was employed as part time Vocational Instructor in Agriculture in the Ukkadaithevar Higher Secondary School, Ammapet and was subsequently, regularised in the sanctioned post and now, the respondent has retired from the service. The grievance of the respondent is that though he was initially appointed as part time vocational instructor on temporary basis and by virtue of his lengthy and continuous service, he was absorbed in regular vacancy, temporary service rendered by him, for the period between 13.07.1979 and 04.10.1996, has not be taken into account, for the purpose of calculating the qualifying service, for pensionary benefits. Hence, respondent sent a representation dated 23.01.2008. Said representation was rejected by the 2nd respondent vide proceedings No.Mu.Mu.No.31179/V1/E1/08 dated 07.05.2008. Aggrieved by the same, respondent filed W.P.No.16200 of 2008 for a writ of certiorarified mandamus, to quash the proceedings of the 2nd appellant and also for a consequential direction to the appellants herein to count the part time services rendered by him, from 13.07.1979 to 04.10.1996, for the purpose of pensionary benefits.

3. After hearing the learned counsel for both parties and on perusal of the line of Government orders and the amended provisions of the Tamil Nadu Pension Rule, a learned Single Judge, allowed W.P.No.16200 of 2008 vide order dated 12.05.2017. Relevant portion of the said order is extracted hereunder.

"4. Pursuant to the line of Government Orders amended to the rule as stated supra had been issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu. In view of these, the writ petitioner is entitled for counting of 50% of his temporary services as qualifying service for the purpose of calculating the pensionary benefits.

5. The learned Additional Government Pleader, while not disputing the legal principles laid down in these two judgments of the Hon'ble Division Bench, raised objection that the case of the writ petitioner is to be verified with reference to the service records of the writ petitioner.

6. It is needless to state that it is the duty of the respondents to verify the service records of the writ petitioner and pass appropriate orders extending the benefits. Accordingly, the respondents have to take a decision after due verification of the service records of the writ petitioner. Thus, this Court is inclined to consider the ground raised in the writ petition and accordingly, the respondents are directed to count 50% of the temporary service rendered by the writ petitioner with reference to Rule 11 of the Tamil Nadu Pension Amended Rules and accordingly, pass appropriate orders as early as possible by granting the service benefits.

With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. The said exercise shall be carried out by the respondents within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No Cost. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed, if any."

4. Aggrieved by the abovesaid order, appellants have filed the instant writ appeal.

5. On this day, when the writ appeal came up for admission,

that the order made in WA No.882 of 2016 etc. batch dated 06.04.2018, is squarely applicable to the case on hand and implementing the said order Government have issued G.O.Ms.No.194, School Education (Pa.Ka.7-1) Department dated 12.09.2018. Submission of the learned Special Government Pleader is placed on record.

6. Heard the learned Special Government Pleader (Education) and perused the materials available on record.

7. Perusal of the judgment in WA No.882 of 2016 etc. batch dated 06.04.2018, shows that the present appeal is squarely covered by the abovesaid judgment. The relevant portion of the judgment is extracted hereunder.

"15. In terms of the above discussions, we dispose of the writ appeals as under:

(i) 50% of the services rendered by the respondents herein, as Part Time Vocational Instructor (either as Single Part time or Double Part Time Vocational Instructor), shall be counted for the purpose of computing pension and other retiral benefits.

(ii) **The above said benefit shall be extended only to the respondents in these writ appeals and for the persons similarly situated like that of the respondents herein, whose cases are pending before this Court.** Thus it is made clear that the above said benefit shall not be extended to any other future cases that may be filed on this account, on the ground of delay and that may be filed on this account, on the ground of delay and laches, since all along they have not come up before this Court and remained as fence-sitters. It is also needless to

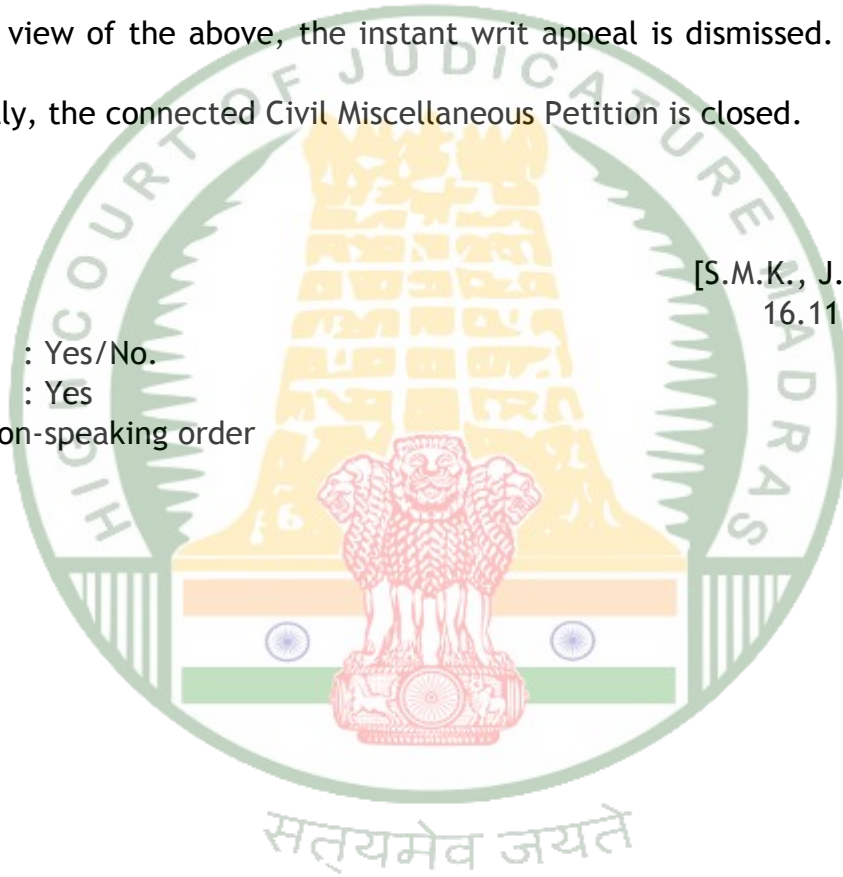
point out that allowing such cases would amount to opening the pandora's box, touching upon the financial implications of the State."

Further, implementing the above order, Government have issued G.O.Ms.No.194, School Education (Pa.Ka.7-1) Department dated 12.09.2018.

8. In view of the above, the instant writ appeal is dismissed. No Costs. Consequently, the connected Civil Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

[S.M.K., J.] [S.P., J.]
16.11.2018

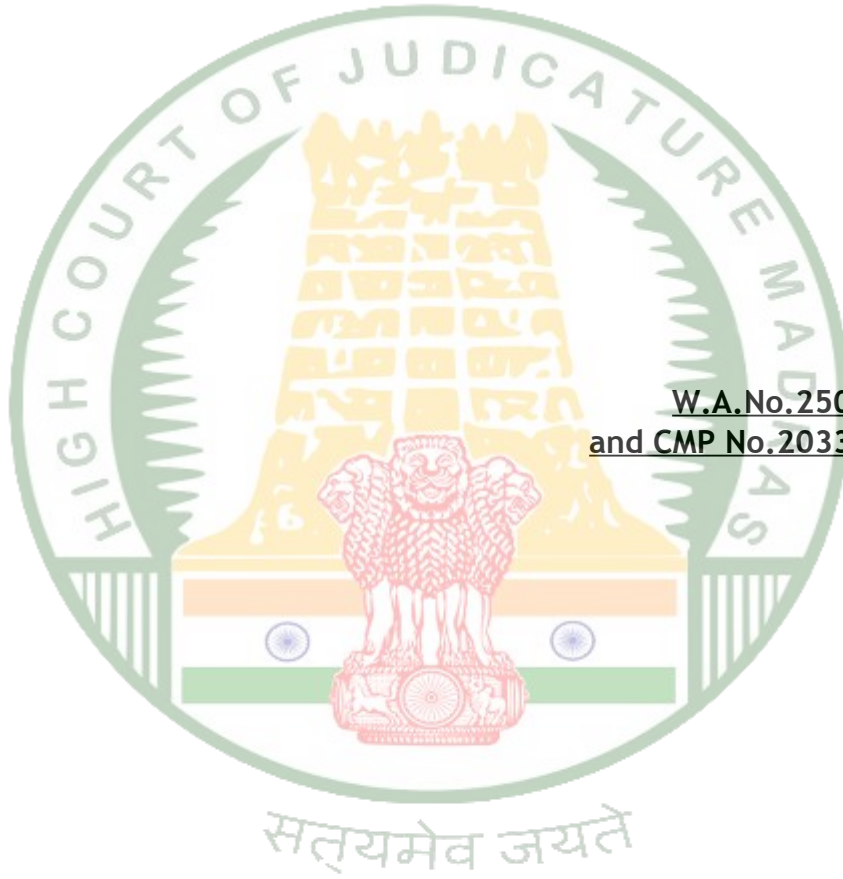
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