

HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE ABHINAND KUMAR SHAVILI

WRIT PETITION No. 12475 of 2002

ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking to issue a writ of certiorari calling for the record relating to and connected with I.D.No.222 of 1999 on the file of the 2nd respondent and quash the award dated 28.07.2001 passed therein holding it as illegal and arbitrary.

Heard Sri P. Durga Prasad, learned standing counsel for APSRTC appearing on behalf of the petitioner and learned Government Pleader for Labour appearing on behalf of the respondents.

It has been contended by the petitioner corporation that the 1st respondent workman was appointed as Driver in the corporation in the year 1986. While so, he was unauthorizedly absent from duties from 21.02.1995 to 27.03.1995 without prior permission or sanctioned leave from the competent authority. His conduct was construed as misconduct and after initiating disciplinary proceedings and after conducting regular enquiry and for the proven misconduct, the disciplinary authority had imposed punishment of removal on the 1st respondent vide orders dated 31.07.1995. Challenging the same, the 1st respondent unsuccessfully preferred an appeal and a review before the competent authorities and, thereafter, raised an industrial dispute in I.D.No.222 of 1999 on the file of the 2nd respondent – Labour Court under Section 2-A(2) of the Industrial Disputes Act. The Labour Court without properly appreciating any of the contentions raised by

the corporation, passed an award dated 28.07.2001 setting aside the order of removal and directing the corporation to reinstate the 1st respondent into service with continuity of service and 50% back wages. Aggrieved thereby, the present writ petition is filed.

Learned counsel for the 1st respondent has contended that the Labour Court has rightly passed the award in his favour and, therefore, no interference is called for.

This Court, having considered the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, is of the considered view that when once the Labour Court had exercised the power under Section 11-A of the Industrial Disputes Act, unless and until any illegality or irregularity is pointed out by the learned standing counsel for the petitioner corporation in the award passed by the Labour Court, this Court cannot interfere with the award. There are no merits in the writ petition.

Therefore, the writ petition is dismissed. Consequently, miscellaneous petitions, if any, pending in the writ petition shall stand closed. No order as to costs.

ABHINAND KUMAR SHAVILI, J

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(dismissed)

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