

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 21.10.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.27060 of 2019

Dr.R.Sabitha

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Registrar,
Anna University,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

2.The Managing Director,
Jeppiar Engineering College,
Jeppiar Nagar,
Rajiv Gandhi Salai,
Chennai - 600 119.

3.The Principal,
Jeppiar Engineering College,
Jeppiar Nagar,
Rajiv Gandhi Salai,
Chennai - 600 119.

... Respondents

Prayer:Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to settle the Gratuity due to the petitioner for the services rendered by her for 22 years from 05.06.1996 to 30.04.2018 forthwith together with interest for the delayed payment by considering her representation dated 30.04.2018, within a time frame to be fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.Sankaran

For Respondents: Mr.M.Vijayakumar for R1

SC

Mr.Hari Radhakrishnan for R2 and R3

ORDER

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the second respondent to settle the Gratuity due to the petitioner for the services rendered by her for 22 years from 05.06.1996 to 30.04.2018 forthwith together with interest for the delayed payment by considering her representation dated 30.04.2018, within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2.Heard the arguments advanced on either side.

3.The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner was working as Head cum Professor, Information Technology Department, in the second respondent College and on her request, the petitioner was relieved from the College on 30.04.2018, however, the Gratuity amount has not yet been settled. In this regard, the petitioner made representation on 30.04.2018 to the respondents and since there was no response, the petitioner issued notices dated 09.02.2019 and 26.02.2019 through her counsel to the second respondent and since the same has not yet been considered, has come forward with this petition.

4.The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that without going into the merits of the case, it would suffice, if this Court issues direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 30.04.2018 and to pass appropriate orders within a stipulated time frame.

5.Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, I am inclined to issue direction to the respondents to consider petitioner's representation dated 30.04.2018, on merits and in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6.The writ petition is accordingly disposed of. No costs.

-s/d-

Assistant Registrar(CS-I)

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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To

1.The Registrar,
Anna University,
Guindy, Chennai - 600 032.

+1 CC to Mr.G.Sankaran, Advocate sr 88038
+1 CC to Mr.M.Vijayakumar, Advocate sr 88139
+1 CC to Mr. Hari Radhakrishnan, Advocate sr 88416

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