

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.10.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.30172 of 2019
and

W.M.P.Nos.30128, 30129 & 30133 of 2019

1. C.Natarasan
2. K.Malarvizhi
3. R.Suresh
4. K.Jayasankar
5. D.Chandrasekaran
6. M.Muthazhagan
7. G.Vijaya
8. V.Ravaneswaran
9. N.Sasikumar
10. R.Ramasamy
11. R.Amaresan
12. R.Selvaraj
13. P.Shanthi

.... Petitioners

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. By its Principal Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Director of School Education,
Directorate of School Education,
College Road, Chennai - 600 006.
3. The Director of Elementary Education,
Directorate of Elementary Education,
College Road, Chennai - 600 006.
4. The Chief Educational Officer,
Dharmapuri District,
Dharmapuri - 636 701.
5. The Chief Educational Officer,
Villupuram District,
Villupuram - 605 602.

6. The Chief Educational Officer,
Ariyalur District,
Ariyalur - 621 653.

7. The Chief Educational Officer,
Vellore District,
Vellore - 632 009.

8. The Chief Educational Officer,
Nagapattinam District,
Nagapattinam - 611 003.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records relating to G.O.Ms.No.218, School Education (Pa.Ka.5(1) Department, dated 20.06.2019 issued by the first respondent and quash the same in so far as Clause 9 is concerned and consequently direct the respondents to permit the petitioners to participate in the General Transfer Counselling in the academic year 2019 - 2020 subject to satisfying the guidelines laid by the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court dated 27.08.2019 in W.P.(MD) No. 14188 of 2019 and connected Writ Petitions.

For Petitioners : Ms.C.Uma

For Respondents : Mr.C.Munusamy
Special Government Pleader
(For Education)

O R D E R

The petitioners has filed the present writ petition challenging the G.O.(ID)No.218 School Education Department on the ground that there was arbitrariness regarding conducting general counseling for transferring the Teachers from one School to another School including the Teachers working in the Corporation and Municipality Middle School, Higher Secondary School. Challenging the Scheme framed in the above said G.O. the present writ petition has been filed.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners would submit that challenging the very same G.O., writ petitions were filed before the Madurai Bench of this Court in W.P.Nos.14188 of 2019 and etc batch and the Madurai Bench of this Court has passed a detailed order in the said batch on 27.08.2019 and issued certain directions to the Government. He would further submit that similar order may be passed in this writ petition also.

3. The learned Government Advocate would submit that the respondents-Government accepted the recommendation made in the decision in respect of paragraph -17 of the above said order and undertakes to follow the directions issued by the Madurai Bench of this court also perused the above decision.

4. The very same prayer has been dealt with in the batch of writ petitions in W.P.Nos.15188 of 2019 and etc batch dated 27.08.2019 by the Madurai Bench of this Court. This Court also perused the above decision and heard the submissions made on either side. It is useful to extract hereunder the relevant paragraph No.17 of the above order:-

" 17. Therefore, in the interest of justice, this Court is inclined to modify the condition 9(i) of the G.O(1D).No.218 School Education [Pa.Ka.5(1)] Department dated 20.06.2019 and Clause (10), omitting the relaxation available to the physically disabled candidates, with the following directions:

i) The petitioners, who are all coming under the categories of deployment or by promotions for the academic year 2018-2019, not completing one year of service in the present working place, are entitled to attend the General Transfer Counselling to be held for this academic year 2019-20, provided they have not attended the General Transfer Counselling prior to 1.6.2019 as per the impugned order passed by the respondent.

ii) The petitioners, who are all coming under the categories of deployment or by promotions for the academic year 2017-2018, not completing one year of service in the present working place as on 1.6.2018, are entitled to attend the General Transfer Counselling to be held for this academic year 2019-20, provided they have not attended the General Transfer Counselling prior to 1.6.2019 as per the impugned order passed by the respondent.

iii Clause 10 of the impugned order relates to priority category, the Secretary to Government is directed to pass appropriate orders, in view of letter No.21787/SE5(1) 2019-1, dated

26.8.2019, School Education Department,
Secretariat, Chennai -9, within a period
of two weeks from the date of receipt of
a copy of this order.

iv) If any of the writ petitioners have
not submitted their applications so far
to seek their remedy, they are at
liberty to submit their applications
before the appropriate authority within
a period of one week from the date of
receipt of a copy of this order. This
order is applicable only to the writ
petitioners herein.

v) In the light of the aforesaid order,
after receiving such applications from
the writ petitioners, the authority
concerned shall permit the writ
petitioners to the forthcoming General
Transfer Counselling for the academic
year 2019-20, if they are otherwise
eligible."

5. In view of the above, this Court directs the respondents
to extend the same benefit to the petitioner herein.

Accordingly, the writ petition stands disposed of. No
costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are
closed.

Sd/-

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