



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.08.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

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W.P. (MD)No.4121 of 2013

1.M.Robinson
2.S.Chockalingam
3.N.Mohan
4.P.Sundararaj

... Petitioners

-Vs-

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Finance (C.M.P.C.) Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

2.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary to Government,
School Education Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai-600 009.

3.The Director of School Education,
D.P.I.Campus, College Road,
Chennai-600 006.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records in connection with the impugned order passed by the first respondent herein in para 2(c) in Letter No.8764/C.M.P.C/2012-1, dated 18.04.2012 so far as it relates to denying Special Allowance to the petitioners in the promotional post of B.T. Assistant from the post of Selection Grade Secondary Grade Teacher, quash the same as illegal and consequently, directing the respondents 1 to 3 herein to continue to pay the Special Allowance of Rs.500/- along with monthly salary to the petitioners in the promotional post of B.T. Assistant and all other consequential promotional posts.

For Petitioners : Mr.S.Bharathy Kannan
For Respondents : Mrs.S.Srimathy,
Special Government Pleader.

ORDER

The order dated 18.04.2012, rejecting the claim of the writ petitioners for grant of Special Allowance on par with the Secondary Grade Teacher, is under challenge in the present Writ Petition.

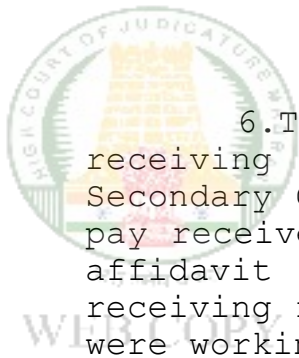


2.The writ petitioners were appointed as Secondary Grade Teacher and subsequently, promoted to the post of B.T. Assistant. The grievances of the writ petitioners are that at the time of serving as Secondary Grade Teacher, their special allowance of Rs.500/- was granted along with salary. However, on promotion to the post of B.T. Assistant the special allowance granted was stopped by the authorities.

3.The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the writ petitioners states that pay fixed for the post of B.T. Assistant is lesser than the pay fixed for Secondary Grade Teacher, therefore, the writ petitioners are eligible to draw special allowance, which was granted to them, when they were working as Secondary Grade Teacher. The Government issued G.O.Ms.No.270, Finance (Pay Cell) Department, dated 26.08.2010, granting special allowance at the rate of Rs.500/- per month to the Secondary Grade Teachers and other teaching posts. The said special allowance is to be extended to the writ petitioners in the promotional post of B.T. Assistant also.

4.The learned Special Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents solicited the attention of this Court with reference to the terms and conditions stipulated in the Government Order issued in G.O.Ms.No.270, Finance (Pay Cell) Department, dated 26.08.2010. As per the Government Order, the special allowance is applicable to the post of Secondary Grade Teacher and it was not granted to the B.T. Assistant. In respect of the allegations of the writ petitioners that on promotion they are receiving lesser scale of pay, the learned Special Government Pleader relied on the counter affidavit filed by the respondents stating that the writ petitioners were receiving the pay of Rs.18,200 + DA 10556 + HRA 320 + MA100+ Special Allowance 500. After promotion to the post of B.T. Assistant, the writ petitioners were receiving the pay of Rs.30519 (Pay 19050 + DA 11049 + HRA 320 + MA 100). After their promotion to the post of B.T. Assistant, the writ petitioners gained Rs.843/- more than what they had already received in the cadre of Secondary Grade Teacher. Thus, pay anomaly now stated by the writ petitioners, is incorrect. The writ petitioners were fixed in the higher scale of pay and they are receiving the higher scale of pay than that of the pay which they were receiving, when they were working as Secondary Grade Teacher.

5.This Court is of the considered opinion that when the special allowance is not contemplated in the Government Order by way of policy, more specifically, to the post of B.T. Assistant, the same cannot be granted by the Courts. Grant of special allowance is a policy decision to be taken in the matter of fixation of pay and the Court cannot enhanced the salary, in the absence of any specific orders by the Government.



6.The grievances of the writ petitioners that they are receiving lesser pay than that of the pay attached to the post of Secondary Grade Teacher, is incorrect, in view of the fact that the pay received by the writ petitioners has been stated in the counter affidavit and on perusal of the same, the writ petitioners are receiving more pay than that of the pay granted to them, when they were working in the post of Secondary Grade Teacher.

7.The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the writ petitioners states that even there is a pay anomaly in respect of the post of Secondary Grade Teacher and B.T. Assistant. In case, if there is any pay anomaly as per the writ petitioners, it is left open to them to approach the Grievance Committee or the competent authority for the purpose of rectification of pay anomaly by following the procedures. The pay anomaly, if any, noticed by the authorities competent, then suitable actions are to be taken for the redressal. However, the pay cannot be enhanced by the Courts by exercising the power of judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution of India and in respect of the pay anomaly, if any exist, the writ petitioners are at liberty to approach the competent authority.

8.The learned Special Government pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents states that even after the promotion to the post of B.T. Assistant, the writ petitioners were erroneously granted the special allowance of Rs.500/- for more than one year.

9.The learned counsel for the writ petitioners in reply submitted that many such persons were granted special allowance even after their promotion.

10.If any such irregularities are committed by the officials concerned, all suitable actions are to be initiated against those officials for recovery of excess payment granted to the teachers over and above their eligibility and they must be held accountable and the excess amount to be recovered from those officials for committing the act of negligence and dereliction of duty. Whenever such an action is taken, it must be uniformly in respect of all the persons and against all the officials, who all are responsible for such negligence and dereliction of duty.

11.With these observations, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(CS-II)

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Sub Assistant Registrar



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