



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED:27.04.2019

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.MAHADEVANW.P(MD)Nos.10714 to 10721 of 2019

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A.RAVICHANDRAN	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10714/ 2019
S.SADAIAPPAN	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10715/ 2019
T.RATHINAM	... Petitioner in WP(MD). No.10716/ 2019
T.MURUGESAN	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10717/ 2019
K.SIVASANKARAN	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10718/ 2019
D.SELVARAJ	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10719/ 2019
A.HARIHARAN	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10720/ 2019
R.V.MARIYAPPAN	... Petitioner in WP(MD).No. 10721/ 2019

Vs.

1. The Principal Secretary / Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department,
119. Utthamar Gandhi Salai,
Chennai-38

2. The Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer
Arulmigu Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple,
Palani - 624 601.
Dindigul District.

... Respondents in all WPs

PRAYER in WP(MD).Nos.10714 to 10719 / 2019 and 10721 /2019 :

Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to disburse gratuity amount due to the petitioner with interest from the date of petitioners' retirement till payment within a specific time as fixed by this Court.

Prayer in WP(MD). 10720/ 2019 :

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to disburse gratuity amount due to petitioner's Father i.e. Late. N.Arumugam with interest from the date of Petitioner's father's retirement till payment within a specific time as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioners

in all the petitions : Mr.S.Manikandan

For Respondents

in all the petitions : Mr.VR.Shanmuganathan

Special Government Pleader

**COMMON ORDER**

All the writ petitions are filed seeking a direction to the respondents to disburse gratuity amount due to the petitioners with interest within a time frame to be fixed by this Court.

2. Heard the learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Special Government Pleader who takes notice for the respondents. By consent, all the writ petitions are taken up for disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. The learned Counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that a similar issue has already been decided by the Division Bench of this Court in W.P.(MD)No.1084 of 2019, dated 31.01.2019 by directing the Commissioner of H.R. & C.E., to pay gratuity amount to all the temple employees. Hence, the learned Counsel prayed for appropriate orders in the present writ petitions.

4. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondents submitted that the claim of the petitioners would be considered by the respondents within a time frame as fixed by this Court.

5. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and also having regard to the submissions made by the learned Counsel on either side, without going into the merits of the case, the respondents are directed to consider the claim of the petitioners seeking gratuity amount due to the petitioners and pass appropriate orders on merits and as per law and also in the light of the order passed by the Division Bench of this Court in W.P.(MD)No.1084 of 2019, dated 31.01.2019, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. All the Writ Petitions are disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

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Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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+1 CC to Mr.S.MANIKANDAN, Advocate (SR-63721[F] dated 29/04/2019)
+1 CC to SPL GP (SR-63994[F] dated 29/04/2019)

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