



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 20.11.2019

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THE HONOURABLE **MS. JUSTICE V.M. VELUMANI**

W.P. (MD) Nos. 24426, 24428, 24430, 24432, 24435, 24436, 24438, 24440, 24442, 24444, 24445, 24446, 24448, 24449, 24450, 24451, 24452, 24453, 24456, 24458, 24460, 24461, 24462, 24465, 24466 and 24467 of 2019

1. K.Kathirvel	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24426/ 2019
1. S.Pappammal	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24428/ 2019
1. R.Padmavathi	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24430/ 2019
1. M.Indira	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24432/ 2019
1. J.Siyamala Devi	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24435/ 2019
1. V.Visweswaran	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24436/ 2019
1. S.Alagu Sundaram	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24438/ 2019
1. S.Gomathi	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24440/ 2019
1. K.J.Anbarasu	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24442/ 2019
1. N.Muthuganeshan	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24444/ 2019
1. N.Rani	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24445/ 2019
1. D.Anbazhagan	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24446/ 2019
1. R.Nedunchehiyan	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24448/ 2019
1. K.Thangamani	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24449/ 2019
1. S.K.Kala	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24450/ 2019
1. M.Srinivasan	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24451/ 2019
1. K.Vijayalakshmi	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24452/ 2019
1. M.Padmanaban	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24453/ 2019
1. S.Thenmozhi	... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24456/ 2019



1. A.Martin Mathikkarasu ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24458/ 2019
1. K.Bageerathy ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24460/ 2019
1. R.Jeevanandham ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24461/ 2019
1. M.Girija ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24462/ 2019
1. N.Seethalakshmi ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24465/ 2019
1. P.Srimathi Santhi ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24466/ 2019
1. K.Sivakumar ... Petitioner in WP(MD). 24467/ 2019

- Vs. -

1. The Principal Secretary to the Government,
Finance Department, Fort St.George,
Chennai-9

2. The Principal Secretary to Government,
School Education Department, Fort St.George,
Chennai-9

3. The Director of School Education,
DPI Compound, College Road, Chennai-6

4. The Joint Director (Vocational),
Directorate of School Education, DPI Compound,
College Road, Chennai-6

... Respondents in All WPs

Common Prayer :

Writ Petition are filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court To issue a writ of mandamus Directing the 2nd respondent to refix the scale of pay of the petitioners at Rs.2000-3500 on par with the scale of pay sanctioned to similarly placed vocational instructors by extending the benefit of Government Order in G.O.(1D).No.327, School Education Department, dated 18.11.2013 along with all consequential monetary benefits for the service rendered by the petitioners in the post of Vocational Instructors within the time period stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Ragavendran (in all WPs)

For Respondents : Mr.M.Karuppasamy, (in all WPs)
Government Advocate.

**COMMON ORDER**

Since the issues involved in these Writ Petitions are one and the same, these Writ Petitions are heard together and disposed of by way of this common order.

2. Heard Mr.R.Ragavendran, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners and Mr.M.Karuppasamy, learned Government Advocate, who takes notice on behalf of the respondents.

3. By consent of both parties, these Writ Petitions are taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

4. These Writ Petitions are filed for a direction to the second respondent to refix the scale of pay of the petitioners at Rs.2000-3500/- on par with the scale of pay sanctioned to the similarly placed vocational instructors, by extending the benefit of Government Order in G.O.(1D)No.327, School Education Department, dated 18.11.2013, along with consequential monetary benefits to the petitioners for the service rendered in the post of Vocational Instructors, within a time frame.

5. According to the petitioners, they worked as Vocational Instructors in Government Higher Secondary School and retired from service on various dates. All of them have completed degree courses. Their pay has been fixed in the scale of pay at Rs.1400-2600/- under 5th Pay Commission. Similarly placed person had been granted a higher pay scale of Rs.2000-3500/-. The petitioners are entitled for revision of pay on par with similarly placed persons. One G.Narayanasamy has filed O.A.No.1755 of 1998 before the Tamil Nadu Administrative Tribunal and the same was transferred to the Principal Seat of this Court and renumbered as W.P.No.32121 of 2006. The Principal Seat of this Court, by the order dated 05.01.2010, allowed the said Writ Petition and granted pay scale of Rs.2000-3500/-. Against which, the department has filed W.A.No.1814 of 2011 before the Division Bench of the Principal Seat of this Court and the same was dismissed, against which, S.L.P., was filed before the Hon'ble Apex Court and the said S.L.P., has also been dismissed. Thereafter, the second respondent has issued G.O.(1D)No.327, Education Department, dated 18.11.2013, granting benefits of higher pay fixation to the said G.Narayanasamy. The petitioners are also the similarly placed persons and they are entitled to the very same benefits and relied on the judgment of this Court, dated 14.08.2014, made in W.A.(MD)No.1344 of 2013.

6. The learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents submitted that the petitioners' representations will be considered, in the light of the earlier orders passed by this Court, within a time frame.



7.Considering the above said submissions made by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents and considering the fact that the petitioners are the degree holders, they are all entitled for higher scale of pay, in the light of the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court, dated 14.08.2014, made in W.A.(MD)No.1344 of 2013. The petitioners are directed to make representation along with the degree certificates to the respondents, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. On such receipt of the representations and certificates, the respondents are directed to consider and pass orders, in terms of G.O.(1D)No.327, School Education Department, dated 18.11.2013, within a period of three months thereafter.

8.With the above direction, these Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

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+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-100386[F] dated 21/11/2019)

+26 CC to M/s.R.RAGAVENDRAN, Advocate (SR-100466[F] dated 22/11/2019)

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