

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.01.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

W.P.No.1200 of 2020

C. Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by the Agricultural Production Commissioner
and Principal Secretary to the Government,
Agriculture Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering),
Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035. ... Respondents

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the General Provident Fund, Family Benefit Fund, Leave Salary (Earned and Unearned Leave) payable to the petitioner within a time limit to be stipulated by this Court and further direct the respondents to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 12% per annum from 01.07.2019 till the actual date of payment of the said benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr. P. Rajendran

For Respondents : Mr. P.S. Sivashanmuga Sundaram,
Special Government Pleader

O R D E R

This writ petition has been filed for issuance of writ of mandamus directing the respondents to pay the General Provident Fund, Family Benefit Fund, Leave Salary (Earned and Unearned leave) to the petitioner with interest.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he was working as a Assistant Executive Engineer and he was due for retirement on 30.06.2019. A suspension order came to be passed on 27.06.2019 and the petitioner was not permitted to retire from service. A charge memo was also issued to the petitioner.

3.The grievance of the petitioner is that he is only paid the provisional pension and he has not been paid the General Provident Fund, Family Benefit Fund, Leave Salary (Earned and Unearned leave). According to the petitioner, even if the extreme case of removal from service is contemplated, the petitioner will be entitled for these three monetary benefits. The petitioner is relying upon the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in the case of Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Chennai and others vs. K.Palaniyandi reported in 2019 (5) CTC 19. The petitioner has made a representation, seeking for these monetary benefits. Since the same was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed before this Court.

4.Heard Mr.P.Rajendran, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and Mr.P.S.Sivashanmuga Sundaram, learned Special Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents.

5.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the fact that the relief claimed by the petitioner is directly covered by the judgment of this Court in the case of Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Secretariat, Chennai and others vs. K.Palaniyandi reported in 2019 (5) CTC 19, there shall be a direction to the 1st respondent to consider the representation dated 12.09.2019 made by the petitioner and to settle him the dues towards General Provident Fund, Family Benefit Fund, Leave Salary (Earned and Unearned leave) by passing appropriate orders within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order. The petitioner is directed to make a fresh representation to the 1st respondent along with a copy of the earlier representation dated 12.09.2019 and a copy of this order.

6. This writ petition is disposed of with the above directions. No Costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

1. The Secretary to the Government,
Agriculture Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Chief Engineer (Agricultural Engineering),
Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035.

+1cc to Mr.P.Rajendran, Advocate, SR.No.4507.
+1cc to Government Pleader, SR.No.5736.

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SJ(CO)
SCR: 28.02.2020