

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATE : 16.12.2020

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P. Nos.26084 & 26085 of 2013

K.Sumathi .. Petitioner in WP.No.26084 of 2013
V.Hemalatha .. Petitioner in WP.No.26085 of 2013

- Vs -

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by the Secretary to the Government
Finance (Pay Cell) Department
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
2. The Secretary to the Government
Government of Tamil Nadu
School Education Department
Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
3. The Director of School Education
College Road, Chennai 600 006.
4. The Chief Educational Officer
Vellore District, Vellore.
5. The Headmaster
E.V.R.N Government Girls Higher Secondary School
Kosapet, Vellore District.

.. Respondents in both WPs

These Writ petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying this Court to issue a writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the 5th respondent in relation to the proceedings issued in Na.Ka.No.250/2013 dated 20.08.2013 and quash the same and issue a consequential direction to the respondents to restore the Selection grade scale of pay to the petitioner in pay band of Rs.15600-39100+ Grade Pay 5400, with effect from 01.01.2006 with monetary benefits from 01.01.2011 and to grant corresponding special grade of pay with consequential benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr. R.Saseetharan in both WPs
For R1 : Mr. S.Thangavel, Spl. GP in both WPs
For R2 to R5 : Mr. S.Sureshkumar, GA in both WPs

COMMON ORDER

The petitioners in the above writ petitions pray for a direction to the respondents to restore the Selection grade scale of pay to the petitioner in pay band of Rs.15600-39100+ Grade Pay 5400, with effect from 01.01.2006 with monetary benefits from 01.01.2011 and to grant corresponding special grade of pay with consequential benefits.

2. Today, when the matter is taken up for consideration, learned counsel appearing on either side brought to the notice of this Court that the issue raised in the present cases are covered by the order passed by the learned single Judge of this Court in the case of V.Krishnan - Vs - The Government of T.N. & Ors. (W.P. No.2950/2014, etc. - Dated 3.2.2020) and, therefore, pray that similar order may be passed in the present petitions as well.

3. This Court heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record as also the decision relied on.

4. G.O. Ms No.263, Finance (Pay Cell) Department fell for consideration before this Court in V.Krishnan's case (supra) relating to the date from which the monetary benefits ought to be given. The said Government Order has given the monetary benefits with effect from 1.4.13, while it is the case of the petitioner therein that the monetary benefit ought to have been given from 1.1.2011. Learned single Judge of this Court, after hearing either side and also analysing the various Government Orders in issue on the subject, held as under :-

"6. The Petitioners have challenged the impugned GO.Ms.No.263, dated 22.7.2013 before the Madurai Bench of this Court, in WP (MD) Nos.2654, 2924, 2663 of 2018 and 15980, 17197 of 2014, wherein, by order dated, 19.03.2018, directions were issued to allow the Selection Grade Scale of Pay of Vocational Instructors, with monetary benefits with effect from 01.04.2013, revising the GO.Ms.No.263, dated 22.07.2013. Following the said order dated, 19.03.2018, the Government had issued GO.Ms.No.306, Finance (CMRC) department, dated 12.09.2018, directing to pay the arrears of pay and allowances to the individuals with effect from 01.04.2013.

7. The relevant portion of GO.Ms.No.306, Finance (CMRC) department, dated 12.09.2018 reads as under:-

"8. The above orders shall be applicable to all the Vocational 8. Instructors, who were awarded Selection Grade prior to 01.01.2006 and those awarded Selection Grade between 01.01.2006 and 31.05.2009 and opted for the revised scales of pay on that date irrespective of the fact as to whether they filed separate Writ Petitions or not.

9. The arrears of pay and allowances shall be drawn and paid to the individuals with effect from 01.04.2013 as per the orders in force."

8. It is seen from the GO.Ms.No.306, Finance (CMRC) department, dated 12.09.2018 that the grievance of the Petitioners has been met out positively by the Respondent. Therefore, impugned GO.Ms.No.263 Finance (Pay Cell) Department, dated 22.7.2013 and the consequential recovery proceedings cannot be given effect to. In such view of the matter, no further adjudication is required in all these Writ Petitions. The submissions of the learned Government Advocate for the State and the GO.Ms.No.306, Finance (CMRC) department, dated 12.09.2018 are recorded.

9. With the above observations, these Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected MPs are closed."

5. The petitioners in the present case are identically placed as the petitioner in the above writ petition. Therefore, the order passed above stands squarely attracted to the case of the petitioners herein. In such view of the matter, this Court is of the considered opinion that these writ petitions ought to be disposed of in terms of the order passed in V.Krishnan's case (supra).

6. Accordingly, these writ petitions are disposed of in the light of the order passed in V.Krishnan's case (supra) and, accordingly, it is made clear that G.O. Ms. No.263, Finance (Pay Cell) Department dated 22.7.13 and the consequential recovery proceedings cannot be given effect to. There shall be no order as to costs.

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