



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: **26.02.2020**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH
W.P.(MD) No.3846 of 2020

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M.Ranjitham

... Petitioner

/vs./

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

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

3.The Director of School Education,
DPI Compound, College Road,
Chennai 600 006.

4.The Joint Director (Vocational),
Directorate of School Education,
DPI Compound, College Road,
Chennai 600 006.

... Respondents

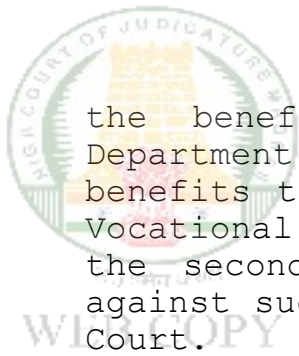
PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the second respondent to re-fix the scale of pay of the petitioners at Rs.2000-3500 on par with the scale of pay sanctioned to similarly placed vocational instructors by extending the benefit of Government Order in G.O.(1D).No.327 Education Department dated 18.11.2013 along with consequential monetary benefits to the petitioner for the service rendered in the post of Vocational Instructor within the time period stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.Lajapathi Roy
For Respondents : Mr.A.Thiyagarajan
Government Advocate

ORDER

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2. Though the petitioner has sought for issuance of writ of mandamus to direct the second respondent to re-fix the scale of pay of the petitioner 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 Education Department dated 18.11.2013 along with consequential monetary benefits to the petitioner for the service rendered in the post of Vocational Instructor, in my view, such a decision is to be taken by the second respondent and in case, the petitioner is aggrieved against such any decision, it would be appropriate to approach this Court.

3. The petitioner would submit that she has already made representation on 01.02.2020 in this regard, which is said to be pending. If the said representation is directed to be disposed of within stipulated time, the ends of justice could be secured.

4. Whenever a representation is made to a statutory authority to redress the claim of the employee, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. Such an inaction would amount to dereliction of duties and thereby this Court would be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and thereby direct such authority to consider the representation within the stipulated time.

5. In view of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the second respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 01.02.2020, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the claim made by the petitioner in her representation and it is for the second respondent to consider it in accordance with law.

6. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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