



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :29.07.2021

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.No.17655 of 2020

V.Arulraj Vijayakumar
Zonal Deputy Block Development Officer (Retd)
Kovilpatti Panchayat Union,
9D/1A Brayant Nagar,
3rd Street East, Thoothukudi - 2,
Thoothukudi District.

.. Petitioner

-vs-

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
2. The Director of Rural Development &
Panchayat Raj,
Panagal Building, Saidapet,
Chennai - 600 015.
3. The District Collector,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.
4. The Principal Accountant General (A&E)
Tamil Nadu,
No.361, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 018.

.. Respondents

Prayer: Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to count 50% services rendered by the petitioner in the post of part time Panchayat clerk from 01.05.1984 to 28.01.1999 for the purpose of granting pension along with regular service from 29.01.1999 till 31.08.2018 in accordance with the directions given by the Hon'ble Division Bench judgment in W.A.No.259/2016 etc., dated 10.03.2016.

For Petitioners : Mr.T.Hemalatha

For R1 to R3 : Mr.K.V.Sajeev Kumar
Government Counsel



For R4

: M/s.T.S.Selvarani
Standing Counsel

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

2. The petitioner herein had originally served as part time Panchayat clerk from 01.05.1984 to 28.01.1999. The claim of the petitioner is that 50% of his services for the aforesaid period, requires to be taken into consideration for the purpose of grant of pension along with his regular service.

3. The aforesaid issue has come up for consideration in batch of writ petitions before this Court in W.P.No.19264 of 2014 etc., and orders passed therein, including the decision of the Hon'ble Full Bench and this Court had held therein that the 50% services of said part time Panchayat clerk, can be included for the purpose of calculating the grant of pension. One such order passed by this Court in the case of A.Khadar vs. The Government of Tamil Nadu, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Department and others, passed in W.P.No.10865 of 2019 dated 15.07.2021, reads as follows:

"2. The petitioner herein had rendered services under the respondents herein as a Part Time Panchayat Clerk from 01.09.1981 to 31.12.1990. The grievance of the petitioner is that 50% of his services rendered in the post of Part Time Panchayat Clerk was taken into consideration for the purpose of computing grant of pension and therefore, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the order requires to be set aside. In support of her contention, the learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the issue with regard to the eligibility to take into account the earlier services of the Part Time Panchayat Clerk came up for consideration in a batch of writ petitions in W.P.No.19264 of 2014, etc. and by order dated 30.06.2014, it was held that, 50% of the past services of the Part Time Panchayat Clerk has to be taken for the purpose of computing the total period of services for the pensionary benefits. It is also her contention that the order of the learned Single Judge in the batch of writ petitions came to be affirmed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.191 of 2016 dated 23.02.2016. A similar view was taken by the other Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in W.A.No.612 of 2016 dated 24.06.2016 and W.A.No.745 of 2019 dated 11.03.2019.



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3. The orders of the learned Single Judge, as confirmed by the Division Benches, has also been implemented by the first respondent herein and one such order of implementation is in G.O.Ms.No.111 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (PA5) Department, dated 14.03.2016. The aforesaid proposition laid down by the learned Single Judge as well as the Hon'ble Division Bench squarely applies to the facts of the present case. As such, the petitioner herein is entitled to succeed."

4. Since, the petitioner is similarly placed, as that of the petitioner in the aforesaid case, he would also be entitled for the same relief. Accordingly, there shall be a direction to the respondents herein to count 50% of the services rendered by the petitioner in the post of part time Panchayat clerk along with 50% services already taken for the purpose of granting pension, together with his regular service and consequently, revise the petitioner's pension. Such an exercise shall be completed atleast within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition stands allowed. However, there shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS-V)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

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