



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.02.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.3202 of 2021

P.Lakshmi

...Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by Personal Secretary to
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Director,
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Board,
Elilagam, Seppakkam,
Chennai - 600 005.
- 2.The District Collector,
Dindigul District.
- 3.The District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer,
Office of the District Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Officer,
Dindigul, Dindigul District. ... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to regularize the petitioner's service with effect from her initial appointment, dated 27.02.2009 to till date along with all prescribed monetary benefits provided under the Government order in G.O.Ms.No.25 (உதீ.4) Department, dated 25.02.2011.

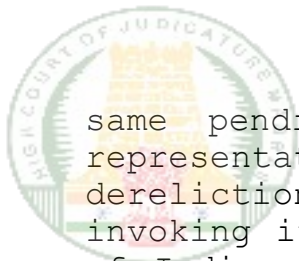
For Petitioner : Mr.C.Ezhilarasu
For Respondents : Mr.J.Padmavathi Devi
Special Government Pleader

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

2.Since the petitioner's request to the respondents to regularize the petitioner's service with effect from her initial appointment, dated 27.02.2009 to till date along with all prescribed monetary benefits provided under the Government order in G.O.Ms.No.25 (உதீ.4) Department, dated 25.02.2011, was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, she has made a representation in this regard on 18.08.2020, which is still pending.

3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, 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. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

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4. In the light of the above observations, it would be appropriate to direct the third respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 18.08.2020, within a stipulated time and thereby the ends of justice could be secured. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. Accordingly, there shall be a direction to the third respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 18.08.2020, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (AS)

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Sub Assistant Registrar(CS)

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To

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