



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED: 07.10.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **D.KRISHNAKUMAR**

W.P. (MD) No.17459 of 2021

V.Asokan

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Agricultural Production Commissioner and Principal
Secretary to Government,
Department of Agriculture, Secretariat,
Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Director of Agriculture,
Ezhilagam,
Chepauk,
Chennai - 600 005.

3.The Joint Director of Agriculture,
Melakanmoi Street,
Tallakulam,
Madurai - 625 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, by directing the second respondent i.e., the Director of Agriculture, Chennai to refix the petitioner's scale of pay in the cadre of Deputy Agriculture Officer as per the proposals sent by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madurai in his letter எண்.புநி.1/18774/2016 நாள் : 29.06.2020 as per Government letter No.22508/FR-I/2019-1 dated 03.09.2019 and get the ratification from the Government and to send revised pension proposals to the Accountant General, Chennai within a specified time frame, that may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Visvalingam

For Respondents : Mr.A.K.Manikkam,

Standing Counsel for State

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the second respondent i.e., the Director of Agriculture, Chennai to refix the petitioner's scale of pay in the cadre of Deputy Agriculture Officer as per the proposals sent by the Joint Director of Agriculture, Madurai in his letter எண்.புநி.1/18774/2016 நாள் : 29.06.2020 as per Government letter No.22508/FR-I/2019-1 dated 03.09.2019 and get the ratification from the Government and to send revised pension proposals to the Accountant General, Chennai within a specified time frame, that may be fixed by this Hon'ble Court.



2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents.

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

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4. According to the petitioner, he retired as Deputy Agricultural Officer on reaching the age of superannuation on 31.07.2016 and getting monthly pension also. Since there was anomaly occurred while revising his scale of pay in the post of Deputy Agricultural Officer as his junior was getting more pay than him with effect from 01.01.2010. Subsequently, vide proceedings dated 29.06.2020, the third respondent has sent proposals to the Director of Agriculture, Chennai to refix the petitioner's scale of pay. But the Director of Agriculture, Chennai has not yet refixed the petitioner's scale of pay and no ratification orders of the Government for refixation of scale of pay of the petitioner was obtained. Hence, the Writ Petition.

5. When this Writ Petition is taken up for consideration, the learned Standing counsel for the respondents would submit that 3rd respondent has already submitted the proposals to the 2nd respondent and the second respondent has to pass necessary orders.

6. It is not in dispute that there was pay anomaly and the Government vide letter dated 11.12.2014 accepted the same and issued a direction to the second respondent to refix the scale of pay of the petitioner herein and based on the said orders of the Government, the 3rd respondent has also sent the proposals to the second respondent to refix the scale of pay of the petitioner. But the said proposals are still pending with the second respondent. Therefore, the second respondent is directed to forward the proposals submitted by the third respondent to the first respondent within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The first respondent is directed to consider the same and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law within a period of six months thereafter.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)



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