



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 01.11.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

W.P(MD)No.19637 of 2021

and

W.M.P(MD)No.16323 of 2021

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T.Meenakshi Sundaram (Junior Engineer)
87 TH 2053/1775,
Dheeran Nagar Branch,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation,
Trichy.

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam Limited),
Peria Milagu Parai,
Trichy Region,
Kumbakonam.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam Limited),
Trichy Region,
Trichy.

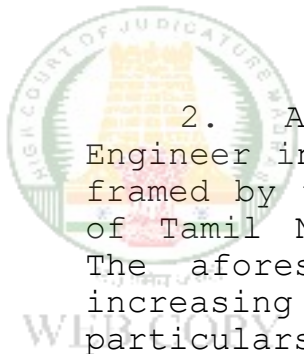
... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent to consider the appeal representation dated 30.12.2019 made by the petitioner against the punishment order passed by the 2nd Respondent dated 23.10.2019 in Proceedings No. TNSTC/KUM/TRY/D8/6300/2018 on the file of the 1st respondent and setaside the Punishment Order.

For Petitioner : Mr.Sadasharam
For Respondents : Mr.D.Sivaraman,
Standing Counsel for State.

ORDER

The writ petition has been filed for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the first respondent to consider the appeal representation dated 30.12.2019 made by the petitioner against the punishment order passed by the second respondent dated 23.10.2019 in Proceedings No. TNSTC/KUM/TRY/D8/6300/2018 on the file of the first respondent and set aside the Punishment Order.



2. According to the petitioner, he is working as a Junior Engineer in the second respondent Corporation and charges have been framed by the second respondent under Rule 28 (I) and Rule 28 (AZ) of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation General Service Rules. The aforesaid charges were framed against the petitioner for increasing the cost of the spring and also for giving incorrect particulars in office records and thereby causing abuses in Accounts during his service and also stated that he has mis-behaved. Thereafter, the second respondent passed the punishment order dated 23.10.2019 whereby one increment was withheld for a period of six months with cumulative effect and the suspension period from 15.09.2018 to 16.09.2018 was treated as leave eligible. The said final order has been passed by the second respondent on the charges framed against him for the violation of Rule 28 (I) and Rule 28 (AZ) of the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation General Service Rules, causing distress and mental agony to the petitioner.

3. Challenging the aforesaid final order passed, writ petitioner has preferred an appeal before the first respondent on 30.12.2019 and the said appeal is still pending. Therefore he seeks disposal of the appeal at the earliest.

4. The learned Standing Counsel for the respondent submitted that the aforesaid appeal will be considered and appropriate decision will be taken on its own merits and in accordance with law.

5. In view of the aforesaid submissions made by the parties concerned, this Court is inclined to direct the first respondent to consider the petitioner's appeal petition dated 30.12.2019 and pass final orders in the appeal on its own merits and in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. The writ petition stands disposed of, with the above directions. No Costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/-

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+1 CC to M/s.S.SADASHARAM, Advocate (SR-33487[F] dated 01/11/2021)

+1 CC to M/s.D.SIVARAMAN, Advocate (SR-33571[F] dated 02/11/2021)

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