



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 19.01.2022

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

W.P(MD)No.694 of 2022

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Ramya

... Petitioner

vs

1.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Madurai Ltd,
(TNSTC (MDU) Ltd.,
No.10, Bypass Road,
Madurai - 625 016.

2.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Madurai Ltd,
(TNSTC (MDU) Ltd.,
No.10, Bypass Road,
Madurai - 625 016.

3.The Assistant Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Madurai Ltd,
(TNSTC (MDU) Ltd.,
No.10, Bypass Road,
Madurai - 625 016.

4.Rooparaj

5.Pethi

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 01.12.2021 to take appropriate action.

For Petitioner: Mr.S.Bharathi
For R1 to R5 : Mr.J.Senthil Kumaraiah
Standing Counsel

O R D E R

The writ petition is filed for a Mandamus, to direct the respondent Corporation to initiate departmental/disciplinary action as against the fourth respondent, considering the petitioner's representation dated 01.12.2021.

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



3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the fourth respondent has borrowed a sum of Rs.3,00,000/- from the petitioner, through the fifth respondent and he failed to repay the same. When the petitioner asked to repay the amount, he issued a cheque for Rs.3,00,000/- and the same was dishonoured due to insufficient fund. Hence, the petitioner lodged a criminal complaint before the Thirupalai Police Station and the police has also registered a case in Crime No.972 of 2021. The grievance of the petitioner is that even after registration of case as against the fourth respondent, he did not repay the amount. Hence, the petitioner approached the respondent Corporation to initiate disciplinary action against the fourth respondent. Since no action has been taken by the respondent Corporation, the petitioner is before this Court with the present writ petition.

4. In a similar issue, this Court, vide order dated 13.07.2020, in W.P.(MD)No.7525 of 2020, has passed the following order:

"6. Be that as it may, this Court is wondering in hearing a writ petition like this as this is the Court where service disputes are being redress under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, which is an extraordinary jurisdiction conferred in this Court.

7. What is service dispute has already been decided by the Court of law where if there is any service dispute arise between the employee and employer and even the service dispute may start from the stage of recruitment or appointment of employee or staff to the Government, Government Organizations, Quasi Governmental Organizations, Statutory Bodies etc., they can be considered as service disputes.

8. Here in the case on hand, admittedly the dispute is between the petitioner and the fourth respondent, it is not related to any service dispute of the petitioner as the petitioner has not projected any service dispute of him to redress such grievance before this Court.

9. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would canvass before this Court that, since the fourth respondent allegedly misused his official position, anybody can set the law in motion to take disciplinary action against the fourth respondent.

10. I am afraid to have such a proposition before this Court, which is a Writ Court dealing adversary writ petitions relating to service disputes under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, where neither public



interest litigation nor non-service dispute can be entertained.

11. If at all the petitioner has got any grievance against the fourth respondent that there has been a dispute between the petitioner and the wife of the fourth respondent with regard to money transaction and for recovery of money, the petitioner can adopt the legal means for recovery of money. If there is any criminal case, which according to the petitioner, was wrongly registered against the petitioner or his family members still the petitioner has got remedy under law to rectify his grievance. If at all the petitioner has got any grievance that his complaint against the fourth respondent to register a criminal case has not been entertained by the authorities of the Police Department, still the petitioner has got legal remedy to avail.

12. For all these grievances as have been projected by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, the petitioner has got legal remedy, which definitely not by way of a writ petition as if it is a service dispute before this Court.

13. Therefore, I have no hesitation to hold that this writ petition is not at all maintainable."

5. Similarly, in W.P.No.19282 of 2020, this Court, vide order dated 17.12.2020, has passed the following order:

"5. This Court is unable to appreciate as to how at the instance of the petitioner, such blanket direction could be issued to the authorities to take action against another Government official. This Court's constitutional jurisdiction cannot be used to settle personal fight between the petitioner and the fourth respondent. Whatever be the difficulties as between the petitioner and the fourth respondent in discharge of their respective duties while managing the Primary Health Centre, such dispute cannot be a subject matter of litigation before this Court.

6. In any case, on the basis of self serving averments of the petitioner, no direction could be issued by this Court as that would only help the petitioner to advance her personal agenda against the fourth respondent. These kind of writ petitions are always motivated and intended to achieve a collateral purpose and this Court's jurisdiction cannot be used for such illegitimate purpose.

7. In view of the above, the present writ petition deserves to be dismissed and hence, dismissed."



6. In view of the orders passed by this Court as cited above, this Court is not inclined to entertain this writ petition. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(AD-I)

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