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WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **10.08.2022**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH**

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R.Sooriyanarayanan,
S/o.M.Raju,
Special Grade Driver,
Staff No.DR06191,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Madurai) Limited

... Petitioner

/vs./

- 1.The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited,
Represented by its Managing Director
and Chairman/Managing Trustee of
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited
Employees Provident Fund Trust,
Bye-pass Road, Madurai.
- 2.The General Manager,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited,
Madurai Region,
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- 3.The Branch Manager,
The Tamil Nadu State TRansport



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Corporation (Madurai) Limited,
Thiruparankundram Branch,
Madurai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to withdraw a sum of Rs.5,00,000/- of the provident Fund accumulation of his own PF contribution available to the credit of first respondent for the marriage expenses of his son S.Rajarajan within the time stipulated as fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Rahul

For Respondent : Mr.S.Sivabalaji

Standing Counsel

ORDER

By consent of both the parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal.

2. The petitioner herein seeks for sanction of loan amount of Rs.5,00,000/- of the provident Fund accumulation of his own PF contribution available to the credit of the first respondent for the purpose of meeting the marriage expenses of his son.



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Provident Fund Trust Rules provides for withdrawal of the PF contribution by the members in order to meet the expenses in connection with marriages, funerals or ceremonies. Sub rule 13(1)(d) prescribes that the amount so withdrawn shall not exceed six months pay or the total of the accumulations of exempted contributions and exempted interest lying to the credit of the employee, whichever is less, when the pay of the employee exceeds Rs.5000/- per month. Likewise, when the pay of the employee does not exceed Rs.5000/-, the withdrawal shall be subject to certain conditions.

4. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the respondent Corporation is facing financial crisis and there are no sufficient funds in the respondent Corporation for the purpose of extending EPF advance. Such a reason is not acceptable. The petitioner herein is also similarly placed with financial crisis, for which purpose he seeks for withdrawal of his own contribution, within the permissible limits, as per the regulations of the respondent Corporation. When an employee is faced under such financial crisis, it would be the duty of the Corporation to consider such a request for a PF loan of



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his contribution, particularly, when the regulations of the respondent Corporation permits for such PF loan.

5. In view of the entitlement of the petitioner to withdraw his contribution for the purpose of meeting the marriage expenses of his son, there shall be a direction to the respondents to grant a loan of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs only) out of the petitioner's Provident Fund account within a period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. This Writ Petition stands allowed accordingly. There shall be no order as to costs.

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