



W.P(MD)No.2024 of 2015

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **22.07.2022**

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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R.Shanmugasundaram

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Director of Municipal Administration,
Chepauk,
Chennai.

2.The Regional Director of Municipal Administration,
Ganthiji Road,
Thanjavur.

3.The Commissioner,
Thanjavur Municipal Corporation,
Thanjavur.

... Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to disburse the calim of legal fees for petitioner's appearance on behalf of respondents by considering petitioner's representation dated 11.11.2014 within the stipulated time framed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Deenadhayalan
For R1&R2 : Mr.S.Shanmugavel
Additional Government Pleader
For R3 : Mr.S.Pagalavan

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to disburse the legal fees of the petitioner based upon his representation, dated 11.11.2014.

2. According to the petitioner, he was appointed as a Standing Counsel of the third respondent herein on 30.10.1996 and he has appeared on behalf of the third respondent in all the Courts in Thanjavur as well as in Madurai Bench of Madras High Court. The tenure of his appointment was extended by way of an order, dated 11.10.1999. He had appeared as a Standing Counsel for the third respondent corporation till 29.11.2011. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner's legal fees have not been paid for so many years and for the said claim, the petitioner has sent a representation on 11.11.2014, which has also been acknowledged by the third respondent.



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3. Per contra, the learned counsel for the third respondent herein contended that the claim relates to the period of the year 1999 onwards and hence, files have to be traced out. He has further contended that even for the settled amount, for the second time the claim has been made by the writ petitioner.

4. The petitioner has been appearing as a Standing Counsel for the third respondent herein and legal fees for the said appearance so far not been settled by the third respondent. In the interest of justice, I hereby direct the third respondent herein to consider the representation of the petitioner, dated 11.11.2014 and settle the legal fee bill as per the norms. The third respondent shall consider and pass orders within a period of Eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above said observations, this Writ Petition stands allowed. No costs.

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R.VIJAYAKUMAR ,J.



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