



W.P.(MD)No.27917 of 2022

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 12.12.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

**W.P.(MD)No.27917 of 2022
and
W.M.P.(MD)No.21995 of 2022**

M.Gopalakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner/
Recovery Officer,
Employees Provident Fund Organisation,
Sub-Regional Office,
No.65A, Water Tank Road,
Nagercoil,
Kanyakumari.

... Respondent

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorari, to call for the records pertaining to the impugned notice in MD/NKL/33238/Recy/EPF/CP-25/2022 dated 03.11.2022 issued by the respondent and quash the same.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Nallathambi

For Respondents : Mr.M.Mahaboob Atith



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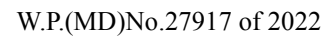


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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to call for the records pertaining to the impugned notice in MD/NKL/33238/Recy/EPF/CP-25/2022 dated 03.11.2022 issued by the respondent and quash the same.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner is running a Hotel in the name and style of M/s.Hotel Saravana. On 17.02.2020, the respondent inspected the petitioner's hotel and issued a notice dated 27.04.2020 to him to produce the balance sheet and Audited Accounts etc., for three years which were not maintained by the petitioner. However, he has been regularly making the payment towards EPF contribution. While so, the respondent had initiated recovery proceedings without issuing any show cause notice providing the period and the amount and without serving the order under Sections 7A, 14B and 7Q of the Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952. Further, the bank account of the petitioner is attached under Section 8F of the Act and the impugned notice has been issued without considering the



3. The learned counsel appearing for the respondent submits that he has no objection if this Court fixes the installments within a reasonable period.

i. The petitioner is directed to pay a sum of Rs.2,10,678/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ten Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Eight only) on or before **19.12.2022**; the remaining amount of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs only) shall be paid on or before 19th of the respective month or till 19.05.2023.



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- ii. After the entire amount is deposited, the respondent may recall the impugned order;
- iii. In case of any default, the respondent is directed to proceed with the impugned notice in accordance with law.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of with the above directions. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

12.12.2022

Index : Yes / No

Speaking Order : Yes / No

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Note: Issue order copy on **15.12.2022**.

To

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