

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD

106 WRIT PETITION NO.1434 OF 2023

VITTHAL GANGARAM JATHORE AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA THROUGH THE SECRETARY
AND OTHERS

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Advocate for Petitioners : Mr. G.J. Karne
AGP for Respondent Nos. 1 to 5: Mr. S.G. Sangle
Advocate for Respondent No.6 : Mr. K.C. Sonone
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**CORAM : RAVINDRA V. GHUGE AND
SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, JJ.
DATED : 7th FEBRUARY, 2023.**

PER COURT :-

1. In this petition, the issue that has been raised by the petitioners is, as regards the notional addition of an annual increment, while computing their pension and pensionary benefits. Such increment became due and payable on the last day before their superannuation, on completion of one year service.

2. The petitioners have superannuated on the 30th day of June of a particular year, as they were due for superannuation. For the sake of clarity, the names of the petitioners and their dates of superannuation are mentioned in a chart hereunder :-

Name of the petitioners, initial date of their appointments,
Date of last increment & Date of superannuation of petitioners

Sr. No	W.P.No.	Name of the Petitioners	Date of Appointment	Date of Last annual increment	Date of Superannuation /Retirement
1.	1434/2023	Vitthal Gangaram Jathore	01.09.1986	01.07.2019	30.06.2020
2.	1434/2023	Uttam Dadarao Shinde	01.08.1988	01.07.2020	30.06.2021

3. The issue raised is no longer *res-integra*, having been concluded by the Madras High Court vide judgment dated 15.09.2017, in WP No.15732 of 2017, filed by **P. Ayyamperumal Vs. The Registrar, Central Administrative Tribunal and others**, which judgment has been sustained by the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 23.07.2018, in Special Leave Petition (Civil) Diary No.22283/2018. Even this Court has passed several orders granting such benefits, which have been sustained by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. In view of the above, this petition is partly allowed. The petitioners are entitled to the notional addition of the last yearly increment for the purpose of calculating their pension, gratuity, earned leave, commutation benefits etc. In so far as arrears of the benefits are concerned, the petitioners would be entitled for the same for a period of three years preceding the date of filing of this petition

or as per actuals, whichever is less. Such arrears should be calculated and be paid to the petitioners, on or before **30.04.2023**.

5. Needless to state, by including the last earned increment, the appropriate authorities shall recalculate the pensionary benefits of the petitioners and accordingly, pay the pension as per the recalculated amounts along with the arrears.

(SANJAY A. DESHMUKH, J.)

(RAVINDRA V. GHUGE , J.)

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