



W.P.No.4227 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21.02.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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P.Gunalan

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Finance Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Principal Secretary,
Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

3.The Director,
Local Fund Audit Department,
Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay the difference in pay due to the anomaly in fixation of pay by considering the petitioner's representations dated 09.12.2015 and 09.09.2021.



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For Petitioner : Mr.Jayaprakash

For Respondents : Mrs.P.Vijayadevi
Government Advocate

ORDER

With the consent of both parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

2. The petitioner herein had given representations to the third respondent on 09.12.2015 and 09.09.2021, seeking for a direction to pay the difference in pay due to the anomaly in fixation. Since the said representations were not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this



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Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representations dated 09.12.2015 and 09.09.2021 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands ordered. No costs.

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Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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