



W.P.No.29841 of 2010

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.08.2023

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

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and

M.P.No.1 of 2010

R.Rajaraman

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. By its Secretary to Government,
Finance Pension Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai -9.
2. The Director of Elementary Education,
College Road,
Chennai -6.
3. The District Elementary Educational Officer,
Tanjore District.
4. The Assistant Elementary Educational Officer,
Thiruvudaimarudur, Tanjore District.
5. The Secretary,
Rajaraman Aided School,
Narasingampettai,



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Thiruvidaimarudur Taluk,
Tanjore District 612 602.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of declaration or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of a Writ, declaring the New Contributory Provident Fund Scheme in G.O.Ms.No.259 Finance (Pension) Department dated 06.08.2003 and subsequent G.O.Ms.No.304 dated 27.05.2004 is not applicable to the petitioner because it cannot be given retrospective operation and direct the respondent to restore the Teachers Provident Fund (Family Pension) Scheme and Account No.331903.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.N.Ravichandran

For R1 to R4 : Dr.T.Seenivasan, Spl.G.P

For R5 : Mr.K.Sathishkumar

ORDER

The Writ Petition has been filed to declare the New Contributory Provident Fund Scheme in G.O.Ms.No.259 Finance (Pension) Department dated 06.08.2003 and subsequent G.O.Ms.No.304 dated 27.05.2004 are not applicable to the petitioner.



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2. The petitioner was appointed as Secondary Grade Teacher in the 5th respondent School on 18.04.2003. His appointment was also approved by the third respondent. After his appointment, he was enrolled under Teacher Provident Fund Scheme as TPF No.331903. All of a sudden, the petitioner's enrolment number was cancelled and deductions were stopped from the month of March 2010. The new Contributory Provident Fund Scheme was notified by G.O.Ms.No.304 dated 27.05.2004. But the scheme was implemented with effect from 01.04.2003. As per G.O.Ms.No.259 Finance (Pension) Department dated 06.08.2003, the Old Pension Scheme will not applicable to the Government servants who are joined on or after 01.04.2003. The process of appointment of the petitioner was started from the date of vacancy and ended with the issuance of appointment order. The abovesaid G.O was brought in a new Pension Scheme with retrospective operation. The petitioner was appointed in the vacancy arose for the post of Secondary Grade Teacher due to voluntary resignation of one Ramasamy on 04.06.2002. His resignation was duly approved by the third respondent. Thereafter, the fifth respondent sought permission to fill up the said



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vacancy in the year 2002 itself. The fourth respondent by proceedings dated 04.03.2003 recommended the fifth respondent to fill up the vacancy of the Secondary Grade Teacher Post through direct recruitment. Accordingly, the petitioner was called for interview on 29.03.2003 itself and he has selected to the post of Secondary Grade Teacher on merits. Therefore, the third respondent accorded permission to fill up the said post only 15.04.2003.

3. On a perusal of records, it revealed that the petitioner was appointed as Secondary Grade Teacher in the fifth respondent school in the vacancy post that arose on 11.12.2002 and subsequently his appointment was also approved by the third respondent vide order dated 29.04.2004.

4. In a similar issue, this Court held that though G.O.Ms.No.259 dated 06.08.2003 came into effect from 01.04.2003, the old pension scheme will not apply to the Government service who are appointed on or after 01.04.2003, the process of appointment was



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started from the date of vacancy and ended with the issuance of appointment order. In the above said G.O., the new Pension Scheme has been brought in with retrospective operation. Because of the retrospective operation of the New Pension Scheme, no employer and employee would have forethought that appointments made after 01.04.2003 would not be eligible for the Old Pension Scheme.

5. As stated supra, the petitioner was appointed in the vacancy arose before 01.04.2003 and he was enrolled as TPF No.331903. Therefore, this Court is of the view that G.O.Ms.No.259 Finance (Pension) Department dated 06.08.2003 and the subsequent G.O.Ms.No.304 dated 27.05.2004 are not applicable in the case of the petitioner. Further, the respondents are directed to restore the Teachers Provident Fund (Family Pension) Scheme and TPF No.331903 in respect of the petitioner and permit him to continue under the Provident Fund (Family Pension) Scheme.



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6. With the abovesaid direction, the Writ Petition is allowed.

No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking order/Non Speaking order

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