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W.P.No.5594 of 2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 17.10.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

W.P.No.5594 of 2020
and W.M.P.No. 6549 of 2020

R.Ranganathan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Represented by its Secretary to Government,
Rural Development Department,
Secretariat, Fort St. George,
Chennai – 600 009.

2.The Director of Rural Development,
Panagal Malagai, Saidapaet,
Chennai – 600 015.

3.The District Collector,
Villupuram District, Villupuram.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for records in G.O.Ms.No.77, Rural Development Department dated 12.07.2013 and quash the same and direct the respondent to provide the pension to the Petitioner by computing the period from 01.08.1980 to 31.12.1990 as per the G.O.Ms.No.39, Rural Development Development, dated 13.06.2011.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Prabhakaran

For Respondents : Mr.G.Nanmaran
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner challenging the G.O.Ms.No.77, Rural Development Department dated 12.07.2013 and quash the same and direct the respondent to provide the pension to the Petitioner by computing the period from 01.08.1980 to 31.12.1990 as per the G.O.Ms.No.39, Rural Development, dated 13.06.2011.

2. The petitioner has been working in the Panchayat from the year 1980. The petitioner has been regularized on 06.01.1999 and retired from service on 30.04.2013, while having the designation of Deputy Block Development Officer (Pts), Melmalaiyanur Panchayat Union. The petitioner claim that as per G.O.No.39 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 13.06.2011, if the petitioner has served as Panchayat Clerk either as full time or part time workers and if they were absorbed into regular service before 01.04.2003, 50% of their earlier service can be



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considered for their retirement benefits. Similarly placed candidates were already given with such benefits. Hence, the petitioner claim that he is also entitled to get 50% of their service to be included for getting retirement benefits.

3. It is submitted by the learned Government Advocate for the respondents that the petitioner is not eligible to get the benefit in view of the Tamil Nadu Pension Rules 1978 as they fall under part time category.

4. But G.O.Ms.No.39 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department dated 13.06.2011 has been issued in the year 2011 and hence it will have prospective effect. Even according to the Tamil Nadu Pension Rules, the outer limit is 01.04.2003. Since the petitioner was absorbed into regular service in the cadre of Junior Assistants before 01.04.2003, any prospective amendment to the Government Order is not applicable for those persons who had been absorbed before to any such Government Order. Similar benefit extended to similarly placed employees should also be given to the petitioner.



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5. With the above observations, this Writ Petition is disposed of. The first respondent is directed to consider the representations given by the petitioner in the light of G.O.Ms.No.39, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, dated 13.06.2011 and pass orders for granting pensionary benefits and all other attendant benefits to the petitioner. No costs.

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