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W.A.(MD) No.976 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 20.11.2023

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM
and
THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN**

**W.A.(MD) No.976 of 2023
and
C.M.P.(MD) No.7637 of 2023**

- 1.The Government of Tamil Nadu
rep.by its Principal Secretary
Department of School Education
Fort St.George, Chennai-600 009
- 2.The Director of Elementary Education
DPI Campus, College Road
Chennai-600 006
- 3.The District Educational Officer
The Office of the District Educational Officer
Cheranmahadevi Educational District
Tirunelveli District
- 4.The Block Educational Officer-II
Office of the BEO
Ambasamuthram
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... Appellants

-VS-



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Siriya Malar Primary School
rep.by its Correspondent
Vickramansingapuram-627 425
Tirunelveli District

... Respondent

Writ Appeal filed under Clause 15 of Letters Patent to set aside the order, dated 02.09.2022, passed in W.P.(MD) No.15693 of 2022, on the file of this Court.

For Appellants : Mr.R.Baskaran, Additional Advocate General
assisted by Mr.D.Sadiq Raja
Additional Government Pleader

For Respondent : Mr.S.Savarimuthu
for M/s.Father Xavier Associates

J U D G M E N T

[Judgment of the Court was made by V.LAKSHMINARAYANAN, J.]

This writ appeal is directed against the order of the learned Single Judge, dated 02.09.2022, passed in W.P.(MD) No.15693 of 2022.

2. The admitted case of the appellants is that the post of Secondary Grade Teacher fell vacant in the respondent – School due to the retirement of one Grace Jain, who was erstwhile incumbent. It is a sanctioned



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post and the post fell vacant with effect from 01.01.2019. To the said post, one R.Jagatha Perumal was appointed. The respondent – School is a stand alone minority institution.

3. The learned Additional Advocate General appearing on behalf of the appellants also fairly submitted that there is no excess or surplus teacher in the respondent – School. Being a stand alone minority institution, the respondent – School had appointed one R.Jagatha Perumal as a teacher on 02.01.2019. He would rely upon the judgment of this Court dated 31.03.2021 made in W.A.(MD)Nos.76 of 2019 etc., batch (***The Secretary to Government, Government of Tamil Nadu, School Education Department, Fort St.George, Chennai and others Vs. Iruthaya Amali and another***) and would invite our attention to the conclusion at paragraph No.95.

4. A reading of paragraph No.95(v) would show that insofar as the aided minority institutions, which are stand alone institutions, are concerned, right to fill up vacancy was held not to be affected for the academic year 2021-2022. In this particular case, the appointment was made in the academic year 2018-2019. Therefore, the observations made by this Court in



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Iruthaya Amali's case would not give any assistance to the appellants in this case. Being a stand alone institution with no surplus, the respondent - School cannot be faulted in exercising their right and appointing a Secondary Grade Teacher. As the appointment has been made as against the sanctioned post and without surplus, we do not find any reason to interfere with the order of the learned Single Judge.

5. Accordingly, this writ appeal stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

[S.M.S., J.]

[V.L.N., J.]

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