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Writ Petition No.29602 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17.10.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

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Dr.P.Shakunthala

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Chairman cum Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu Electricity Generation and
Distribution Corporation,
No.144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.

2.The Chief Engineer (Personnel),
Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution
Corporation Ltd.,
No.144, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.

3.The Chief Engineer,
Hydro & Gas Turbine,
2nd Floor Eastern Wing, N.P.K.R.R. Maaligai,
800, Anna Salai, Chennai - 600 002.

4.The Superintending Engineer,
Generation Circle,
Kundah.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioner in the respondent Board as Medical Officer, on contract basis in the office of the Pykara Dam



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Dispensary, Nilgiris District, from 06.09.1995 to 22.08.1997, without break in service, for the purpose of Selection Grade, Special Grade, Pensionary Benefits, in light of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in the case of State of Himachal Pradesh and another v. Sheela Devi, SLP (Civil) No.10399 of 2020, dated 07.08.2023, by considering the claim made by the petitioner vide her representation dated 24.09.2021 and 07.03.2024, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.D.Ashok Kumar

For Respondents : Mr.C.Manoharan, Standing Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing respondents to count the service rendered by the petitioner in the respondent board on contract basis as Medical Officer from 06.09.1995 to 22.08.1997 for the purpose of selection grade, special grade, pensionary benefits by considering the representations made by the petitioner.

2. Heard Mr.R.D.Ashok Kumar, learned counsel appearing for petitioner and Mr.C.Manoharan, learned Standing Counsel appearing for respondents.



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3. In the considered view of this Court, the relief sought for by the petitioner is clearly hit by laches. In the instant case, the claim made by the petitioner was rejected as early as on 07.02.2005 by the second respondent. Even thereafter, the petitioner was only making representations till 2024 and she never approached this Court to work out her remedy. In view of the same, this Court is not inclined to grant the relief as sought for by the petitioner.

Accordingly, this writ petition is dismissed. No costs.

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

Index: yes/no

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