



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04-06-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

**WP No. 33961 of 2023 and
WMP No.33847 of 2023**

Tamilnadu Grama Bank
Head Office, 6 Yercaud Road,
Hasthampatti, Salem-636 007,
Rep. by its General Manager.

Petitioner

Vs

The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II
EPF Organization,
Regional Office, Bhavishya Nidhi Bhawan,
Lady Doak College Road, Madurai-625 002.

Respondent

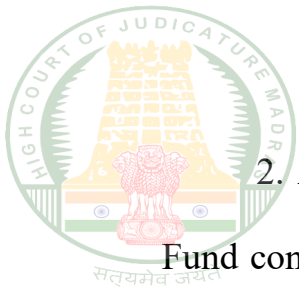
PRAYER Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the respondent in proceedings No.MD/MDU/11068/PDC/M72023 and quash his order, dated 15.09.2023.

For Respondent: Mr.P.Raghunathan for
M/s.T.S.Gopalan & Co.

For Respondent: Mr.P.K.Panneer Selvam

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking to quash the proceedings of the respondent, dated 15.09.2023 in No.MD/MDU/11068/PDC/M72023.



2. Aggrieved by the damages that were imposed for delayed Provident Fund contributions under Section 14-B of the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952 (in short 'Act'), the petitioner has filed a Review Petition under Section 7-B of the Act, which is rejected by the respondent as not valid vide order dated 15.09.2023, against which, the present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

4. Insofar as any challenge to orders passed under Section 14B of the Act, the remedy lies under Section 7-I of the Act and such orders have to be appealed before the Tribunal. However, the only ground raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner is that The Tribunal was not functioning at the time when the Writ Petition was filed.

5. In reply, the learned counsel for the respondent would submit that the Tribunal is now functioning.

6. In view of the above, the petitioner is at liberty to file an appeal under Section 7-I of the Act, before the Tribunal.



7. The Writ Petition stands dismissed accordingly. No costs.

Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Index:Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation:Yes/No

To

1.The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner-II
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