

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
ERNAKULAM BENCH

OA No.123/94

Tuesday, this the 21st day of November, 1995

C O R A M

HON'BLE MR PV VENKATAKRISHNAN, ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER

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1. G Radhakrishna Kurup, Linu Bhavan, Koodal PO, Pathanamthitta District, Electrician, Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
2. K Ramakrishnan Nair, Kuttiyil Kizhakkethil, Puthiyavila PO, Kayamkulam, Alapuzha District, Painter, Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
3. C Sivasankaran, Panakklayyath House, Pallisserikal, Sasthamkotta, Quilon District, Mazdoor in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
4. MV Karthiayini, Puthanpadannayil House, Elamkunnapuzha, Ernakulam, Mazdoor in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
5. M Ravindra Panicker, Kuzhuveli Vadakkethil House, Angilipra, Thattarambalam PO, Alapuzha District, Electrician in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
6. KK Mukundan, Kattuparambil House, PO Kandamkulam Methala, Kodungallur, Thrissur District, Tracer in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
7. P Gopalan, Kottasseril House, Muthukulam PO, Alapuzha, Mazdoor in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
8. PK Ulahannan, Panikkattil, Peruva PO, Kottayam, Chowkidar in the Office of the Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.

....Applicants

By Advocate Shri G Sukumara Menon.

vs.

1. Union of India represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
2. Chief Engineer, Naval Works, Kochi--4.
3. The Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension), Allahabad.

contd.

4. The Defence Pension Disbursing Officer, Ernakulam, Kadavanthara, Kochi--20.
5. The Defence Pension Disbursing Officer, Quilon.
6. The Defence Pension Disbursing Officer, Kottayam.
7. The Defence Pension Disbursing Officer, Thrissur.

....Respondents

By Shri TPM Ibrahim Khan, Senior Central Govt Standing Counsel.

The application having been heard on 21.11.1995, the Tribunal on the same day delivered the following:

O R D E R

Applicants 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 are re-employed Military pensioners. Applicant 4 is a family pensioner. They pray for grant of relief on pension.

2. The question of grant of relief on Military pension was considered by the Supreme Court in Union of India and others vs G Vasudevan Pillay and others, ((1995) 2 SCC 32). The Supreme Court stated:

"even if Dearness Relief be an integral part of pension, we do not find any legal inhibition in disallowing the same in cases of those pensioners who get themselves re-employed after retirement. In our view this category of pensioners can rightfully be treated differently from those who do not get re-employed; and in the case of re-employed pensioners it would be permissible in law to deny DR on pension inasmuch as the salary to be paid to them on re-employment takes care of erosion in the value of the money because of rise in prices, which lay at the back of grant of DR, as they get Dearness Allowance on their pay which allowance is not available to those who do not get re-employed...we are concerned with the denial of Dearness Relief on family pension on employment of dependants like widows of the ex-servicemen. This decision has to be sustained in view of what has been

stated above regarding denial of DR on pension on re-employment...Our conclusions on the three questions noted in the opening paragraph are that denial of Dearness Relief on pension/family pension in cases of those ex-servicemen who got re-employment or whose dependants got employment is legal and just."

The case of the applicants is squarely covered by this decision. Accordingly, this prayer is rejected.

3. It is submitted that a review application has been filed in the Supreme Court against the above decision and is pending. If the review results in a modification of the decision which confers any benefit on persons like the applicants in respect of relief on Military pension or family pension, applicants shall be entitled to receive such benefits at the hands of the respondents.

4. Application is disposed of as above. No costs.

Dated the 21st November, 1995.


PV VENKATAKRISHNAN
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER