

IN THE CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL : HYDERABAD BENCH  
AT HYDERABAD

O.A.No.151/91

Date of decision: 20 -8-93.

Between

Bokam Govinda

... APPLICANT

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1. The Govt. of India, rep. by  
its Secretary, Ministry of  
Urban Development, Central PWD,  
Delhi.
2. The Superintending Engineer,  
Visakhapatnam Central Circle,  
Muralinagar, Visakhapatnam-7.
3. Executive Engineer,  
Vizag Central Divn.No.II,  
Central P.W.D., Gajuwaka,  
Visakhapatnam-530026.

... RESPONDENTS

Appearance:

For the applicant : Sri G.Bikshapathy, Advocate

For the respondents : Sri N.V.Ramana, Addl.CGSC

CORAM:

The Hon'ble Sri Justice V.Neeladri Rao, Vice-Chairman

The Hon'ble Sri P.T.Thiruvengadam, Member (Admn.)

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J U D G E M E N T

(of the Bench delivered by Hon'ble Sri Justice V. Neeladri Rao, Vice-Chairman)

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The applicant alleges that he was appointed as N.M.R. Typist with effect from 13-6-1989. But the respondents state that the applicant was engaged ~~only~~ as Casual Typist as and when there was work. The applicant was not engaged with effect from 14-12-1990.

2. It is pleaded for the applicant that ~~the~~ <sup>Verma</sup> ~~case involved~~ is ~~for being~~ in contravention of Section 25(F) of the Industrial Disputes Act and as the Respondent No.3 was engaging outsiders as typists the same is in violation of Section 25(H) of the I.D.Act for the applicant was not again offered that post. Though it is laid down in 1986(1) LLJ 403 (Surender Singh Vs. CPWD) that the employees engaged on casual basis had to be regularised, no steps were taken for regularisation of the applicant. This O.A. was filed praying for declaration that the action of the Respondent No.2 in terminating his services with effect from 14-12-90 is illegal, arbitrary and invalid and for consequential direction to the Respondents to reinstate him in service with back wages and other ~~an~~ attendant benefits including regularisation of his service as typist with regular scale of pay.

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3. It was pleaded for the respondents that I.D. Act is not applicable for the employees engaged in CPWD. It is also the case of the respondents that the applicant was engaged for only 178 days during the 12 months prior to 14-12-90 and on that ground also Section 25-F of I.D. Act is not attracted. The <sup>of</sup> allegation/the applicant that others were engaged for doing the typing work is denied. The question of regularisation does not arise as there is no sanctioned post of typist, is another contention for the respondents. || Statement dated 26-7-93 was filed by the Executive Engineer, Visakhapatnam Central Division-II, C.P.W.D., Visakhapatnam to show that the applicant was engaged for 178 days in the calendar year 1990 and he was engaged for 23 days in December 1989. Thus, it is evident that the applicant had not worked for 240 days during the period of 12 months prior to 14-12-1990, the date from which he was disengaged.

4. 1985 SCC (L&S) 940 (Workmen of American Express International Banking Corpn. Vs. Management of American Express International Banking Corpn.) was referred to for the applicant to contend that even Sundays and paid holidays have to be included in order to determine as to whether workmen actually worked for not less than 240 days as envisaged under Section 25-B of the I.D. Act. The case of a

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workman of American Express International Banking Corporation was considered. <sup>in the above case</sup> The Delhi Shops and Establishments Act, 1954 was applicable in regard to the said Corporation. Section 17 of the said Act laid down that every employee shall be allowed atleast 24 consecutive hours rest (weekly holiday) in every week which shall, in the case of shops commercial establishments required by the said Act to observe a close day, be on the close day. Section 18 of the said Act directs that no deductions shall be made from the wages of any employee on account of holiday granted under Section 17 of the said Act. <sup>As As</sup> Thus ~~as~~ in that case the weekly off <sup>a</sup> was paid holiday, it was held that the weekly offs also should be included in order to determine <sup>whether</sup> as to <sup>whether</sup> the workman worked for 240 days. But no material is placed to show that weekly off was a paid holiday for the casual workmen engaged by CPWD. Hence the weekly offs cannot be included, in order to determine as to whether the applicant worked for 240 days.

5. Thus, even assuming that CPWD is an industry coming within the ambit of Industrial Disputes Act still the applicant is not entitled to the benefit under Section 25-F of the I.D. Act as he had not worked for 240 days in the relevant year. As such there is no need to advert to 1987 LIC 89 (The F.W.D. Employees' Union & ors. Vs. State of Gujarat & ors.), a judgment of the Gujarat High Court wherein it was held that the activities undertaken by the Irrigation Department of the ~~xxxx~~ State are industry within

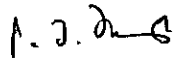
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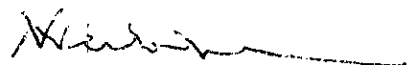
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Section 2(j) and the labourers working thereon are workmen within Section 2(f) of the I.D. Act.

6. While it was stated for the applicant that by the time ~~that~~ he was disengaged, outsiders were engaged for discharging the duties of typist, the same was denied by the respondents. Further it is stated for the respondents that there is no sanctioned post of typist in their Division and hence the question of regularisation does not arise.

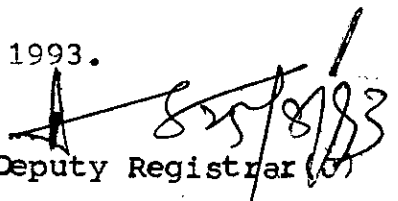
7. There are no other grounds on which the disengagement of the applicant on 14-12-1990 ~~are~~ challenged. In the result; the O.A. is dismissed with no costs.

  
(P.T.Thiruvengadam)  
Member/Admn.

  
(V.Neeladri Rao)  
Vice-Chairman

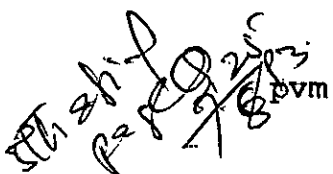
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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V. NEELADRI RAO  
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AND

THE HON'BLE MR. A. B. GORTHY : MEMBER(A)

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY  
MEMBER(JUDL)

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. P. T. TIRUVENGADAM:M(A)

Dated: 20-8-1993

~~ORDER~~ JUDGMENT:

M.A/R.A/C.A.No.

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T.A.No. (W.P.)

Admitted and Interim directions  
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Disposed of with directions

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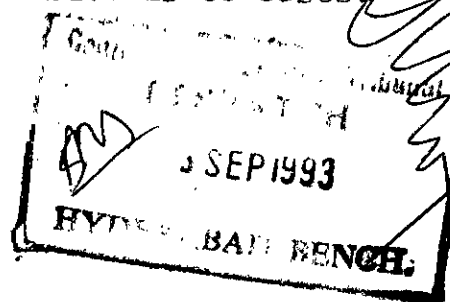
Dismissed as withdrawn

Dismissed for default.

Rejected/Ordered

No order as to costs.

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