MAHARASHTRA ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL NAGPUR BENCH NAGPUR ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO.508/2024(S.B.)

Shridhar Bhanudas Kamble,
Aged about 53 years,
Occupation – Service,
R/o. Dr. Ambedkar Nagar,
Near Buddha Vihar, Dharampeth,
Nagpur- 440 010.

Applicant.

Versus

- The State of Maharashtra,
 Through its Principal Secretary,
 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
 Department, Govt. of Maharashtra,
 7th Floor, Bandhkam Bhawan, Fort,
 Mumbai- 400 021.
- The Secretary,
 PMGSY Rural Development Department,
 Govt. of Maharashtra, Bhandkham Bhawan,
 Fort, Mumbai- 400 021.
- The Chief Engineer,
 PMGSY Poona, Annasaheb Magar Building,
 2nd Floor, Gultekdi Market Yard,
 Gate No.2, Poona-411 037.

- Superintendent Engineer, PMGSYH,
 MRRDA. Nagpur, P.W.D. Division,
 Civil Lines, Nagpur.
- Executive Engineer, PMGSY.,
 MRRDA, Sarpanch Bhawan
 Akashwani Square, Civil Lines, Nagpur.

Respondents.

Shri A.A.Bangde, Ld. Counsel for the applicant. Shri A.P.Potnis, Ld. P.O. for the respondents.

Coram:- Hon'ble Shri M.A.Lovekar, Member (J).

Dated: - 30th August, 2024.

JUDGMENT

Judgment is reserved on 01th August, 2024.

Judgment is pronounced on 30th August, 2024.

Heard Shri A.A.Bangde, learned counsel for the applicant and Shri A.P.Potnis, learned P.O. for the respondents.

2. By order dated 21.10.2021 (Annexure A-3) the applicant was transferred to Prime Minister Gram Sadak Yojna, Nagpur as Deputy Engineer. By order dated 02.11.2021 (Annexure-A-4) he was appointed to the said post on deputation. In the list dated 01.12.2023 (Annexure

A-6) of employees who fell in the zone of consideration for promotional post name of the applicant was included. By orders dated 02.04.2024 (at P. 29) and 16.05.2024 (Annexure-A-2), additional charge of some Talukas was kept with the applicant. His performance was appreciated by issuing certificates dated 10.02.2018 (Annexure A-5) and 27.11.2018 (at P. 33). Respondent no. 1 issued order dated 06.06.2024 (at P. 17) as follows: -

ज्याअर्थी, श्री.श्रीधर भा. कांबळे, उप अभि□ंता हे दि.०२.११.२०२१ पासून कार्□कारी अभि□ंता (प्रमंग्रास□ो), नागपूर □ा कार्□ाल□ातील उप अभि□ंता □ा पदावर प्रतिनि□ुक्तीने कार्□रत आहेत.

- ०२. ज्याअर्थी, श्री.श्रीधर भा.कांबळे, उप अभि□ंता □ांच्याविरुध्द विविध लोकप्रतिनिधी / अन्य व्यक्ती □ांच्याकडून गंभीर स्वरुपाच्या तक्रारी प्राप्त झाल्या आहेत.
- ०३. ज्याअर्थी, श्री. श्रीधर भा. कांबळे, उप अभिवंता वांचे अन्यत्र स्थानांतरण करुन त्यांच्या ठिकाणी सक्षम व कर्तव्यदक्ष उप अभिवंता वांची निवुक्ती करण्याची अधिक्षक अभिवंता (प्रमंग्रासवो), महाराष्ट्र ग्रामीण रस्ते विकास संस्था, नागपूर विभाग, नागपूर वांनी शिफारस केली आहे.
- ०४. त्याअर्थी, श्री.श्रीधर भा. कांबळे, उप अभि□ंता (प्रमंग्रास□ो), महाराष्ट्र ग्रामीण रस्ते विकास संस्था, नागपूर □ांना प्रतिनि□ुक्तीच्या पदावरुन □ा आदेशाच्या दिनांकापासून तात्काळ कार्चमुक्त करण्यात चेत आहे.

This was followed by the order dated 07.06.2024 (at P. 16) which reads as under : -

विषय :- दिनांक ०६/०६/२०२४ रोजी कार्यमुक्त होणेबाब □. संदर्भ :- ग्राम विकास विभाग, मंत्रालय, मुंबई यांचे आदेश क्रमांक ग्रासयो २०२४/प्र.क्र.९४/ बांधकाम -१ दिनांक ०६/जुन /२०२४ संदर्भाकीत आदेशान्वो आपणास उपअभिवात, प्रधानमंत्री ग्राम सडक वोजना, महाराष्ट्र ग्रामीण रस्ते विकास संस्था नागपूर वा प्रतिनिव्वक्तीच्या पदावरुन दिनांक ०६/०६/२०२४ रोजी कार्वमुक्त केलेले असल्यामुळे आपल्याकडील संपूर्ण दस्ताऐवज श्री.□स.डब्लू.टाके, उपअभिवाता (से.नि.) वांच्याकडे तात्काळ सुपुर्द करावे व तसा अहवाल वा कार्वालवाला सादर करावा.

(The Impugned orders dated 06.06.2024 and 07.06.2024 are collectively marked Annexure-A-1).

These orders are assailed on the following grounds: -

- 1. Service record of the applicant is unblemished.
- 2. Seniority of applicant was ignored.
- 3. The impugned orders are contrary to various G.Rs.
- 3. Stand of the respondents is as follows. There were several complaints against the applicant (collectively marked Annexure-R-2) and hence, as provided in G.R. dated 17.12.2016 issued by G.A.D., Government of Maharashtra (Annexure-R-1) his deputation was cancelled by the impugned orders. On one previous occasion the applicant was punished in a departmental proceeding.
- 4. In support of his case that the impugned orders are unsustainable, the applicant has relied on the Judgment of this Bench dated 25.03.2022 in O.A.No.20/2022. In the said case mid-term transfer order was challenged on the grounds of non-compliance of sub-sections

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- (4) and (5) of Section (4) of the Maharashtra Government Servants Regulation of Transfers and Prevention of Delay in Discharge of Official Duties Act, 2005 as well as provisions of sub-para (8) of G.R. dated 11.02.2015. On facts, it was found that though the transfer was stated to be based on various complaints, the same were not verified by the Competent Authority as per G.R. dtd. 11.02.2015. On facts, it was found that the transfer was actuated by malafides. In the instant case orders under challenge are not of transfer but of cancellation of deputation. Hence, above referred sub-para (8) of G.R. dtd. 11.02.2015 was not applicable. In this case the applicant has not alleged malafides. I have referred to the grounds on which orders dated 06.06.2024 and 07.06.2024 are assailed. For these reasons Judgment dated 25.03.2022 will not be of any help to the applicant.
- 5. In support of the impugned orders the respondents have relied on G.R. dated 17.12.2016 (Annexure R-1). Para 5 on internal P. 7 (at P. 51) of this G.R. reads as under:-
 - प्) प्रतिनि□्कतीवर सेवा घेणा-ा कार्णालास काही विशिष्ट कारणास्तव विहित कालावधी संपण्यापूर्वी प्रतिनि□्कतीवर आलेल्या अधिका-ास त्याच्या मूळ प्रशासकी विभागास / कार्णालाक परत पाठवणे आवश्यक असल्यास, त्या आस्थापनेवरील सक्षम प्राधिका-ाने तसे समर्थनी कारण स्पष्ट करुन त्याला/तिला परत पाठवण्यासाठी । थास्थिती संबंधित प्रशासकी विभागास/कार्णालास तीन महिन्याची पूर्वसूचना (नोटीस) देणे आवश्यक

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राहील. तथापि, □ा संदर्भात विशिष्ट कारणे नमूद करुन उदा.अनि□मितता, अफरातफर, कर्तव्यच्युती, इत्यादी कारणे नमूद करुन प्रतिनि□क्तीचा कालावधी तात्काळ संपृष्टात आणता चेईल.

Emphasis supplied

The underlined portion of Para 5 quoted above shows that

deputation could be cancelled with immediate effect by recording

reasons like irregularities, misappropriation, dereliction of duties, etc..

In para 2 of order dated 06.06.2024 it is mentioned that from peoples

representatives and others serious complaints were received

necessitating cancellation of deputation of applicant with immediate

effect. Copies of these complaints (collectively marked Annexure R-2)

are placed on record. For the reasons discussed hereinabove no

interference is warranted. The O.A. is accordingly dismissed with no

order as to costs.

(M.A.Lovekar) Member (J)

Dated – 30/08/2024.

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I affirm that the contents of the PDF file order are word to word same as per original Judgment.

Name of Steno : Raksha Shashikant Mankawde.

Court Name : Court of Hon'ble Member (J).

Judgment signed on : 30/08/2024.

and pronounced on

Uploaded on : 30/08/2024.