

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 20-04-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WMP No. 15701 of 2026

IN

WP NO. 14478 OF 2026

The Puducherry State Co-operative
bank Ltd

Rep by its Managing Directdor
D.Kumaran No.204, 100 Feet Road
Olandaikeerapalayam Puducherry

Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Regional Provident Fund
commissioner(PDC)
Employees provident fund organization
Sri Venni commercial complex No.101,
100 feet Road Cholan nagar
Olandaikeerapalayam
Puducherry-605 004

Respondent(s)

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Saikrishnan

ORDER

Issue notice to the respondent, returnable after eight weeks. Private notice is also permitted.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that as against the non-payment of PF dues, the respondent initiated proceedings under Section 7A of the EPF Act and subsequently, the petitioner has paid the remittance of PF dues along with interest, however, the respondent has sought for damages under Section 14B and initially an order was passed on 13.07.2023 directing payment of 29,11,858/-, later, on appeal, the Tribunal has waived 30% of the amount of



damages and directing recovery of 70% of the assessed amount of damages.

Challenging the orders of the Tribunal as well as the order of the respondent with respect to damages, the present writ petition has been filed on the ground of violation of principle of natural justice.

3. Considering the prima facie case, there shall be an order of interim stay of further proceedings subject to the deposit of 50% of the order dated 29.12.2025 until the next hearing date. It is made clear that in the event of failure to deposit such amount, the interim order stands automatically vacated.

4. Post after eight weeks.

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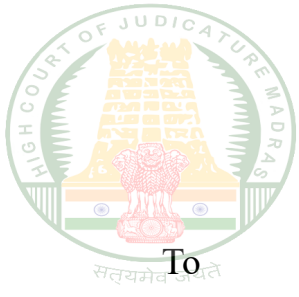
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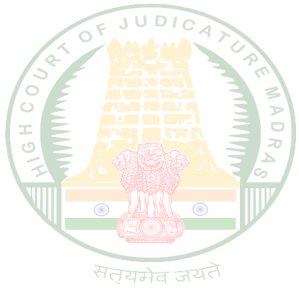
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