

DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN, J.

W.P. (C) Nos.15353/2022 & 18462

Dated this the 21st day of June

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Sri.Deepu Thankan - learned

Counsel for the KSRTC, has placed
affidavit, sworn to by its official
Law Officer, which renders
indubitable:

That the KSRTC, like its colour
red! not merely red, but deep red!.

2. The affidavit would indicate
the KSRTC is presently doing is

3. To cap it all, the KSRTC has a liability of 3500 crores from Bank consortium, the servicing of interest eats into their income substantially.

4. The end result is that the employees - particularly the conductors, ministerial staff, staff, store staff etc. - are less salary, even though it is their sweat which is invested to generate of the KSRTC.

5. Expectedly, therefore, the employees are unhappy because their salaries

staff etc. therefore, have to be salary within time, which I am told of every month. Unless this is achieved can never obtain any semblance of professionalism and efficiency.

7. I, therefore, asked Sri.Sa - learned Special Government Ple this and he submitted that a meeting, to solve the issues of will be convened shortly, under the the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the decisions will be informed to the due time.

being paid by the 5th of July, 2022, Government intervenes and makes provision for it. This is because, the income generated in this month - namely June, 2022 - is used to pay off the liabilities of the previous month, namely, May, 2022.

10. Therefore, unless the Government intervenes deeply about the liabilities of the Banks and its consortiums, as a result of the requirement to take monthly over the liabilities of other financial institutions, the pattern of payment of salary at the end of the month can never be accomplished. Since

11. Interestingly, going by the order passed before me, if the liability to the employees for overdrafts are kept away, the KSRTC is not to be as of today, in a no-profit situation, after paying off the overdrafts to the employees. It is the accumulation of overdrafts which is now creating a big problem.

12. That being said, the earlier order of this Court - that the salaries of conductors and staff will be paid only after the salaries of conductors, mechanics and store staff are paid.

income now with them.

14. Therefore, the income generated by KSRTC should be used first for the settlement of their salary and only later for other purposes, including the interest on loans and such other. Otherwise, certainly the employees, who have toiled for long hours, operating long and irregular schedules, would feel embittered and aggrieved.

15. The KSRTC is not in the black in the recent past, but has been in the red for many years, if not decades. Therefore, it is not to be thought that the Government can now turn a blind eye and allow the imbalances to continue.

liabilities of the previous one.

17. The afore issues must be con
the high level Committee, which the
says it has constituted and emergent
will have to be taken, with the
achieving the ability to pay the sa
5th of next month.

18. The Government must act q
resultantly, I adjourn this ma
called on 01.07.2022, hoping tha
come forward and give this Court
the manner in which the present
be addressed, if not to resolve it

must also decide how the KSRTC can
revenue from their non-operational
particularly when they say that
large amounts of lands in their possession
also other assets.

List on 01.07.2022.

Sd/-

DEVAN RAMA

JUDGE

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