



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 14658 of 2026

L.Kalyanasundaram
Junior Engineer (Retd),
No.124/42,Kuppanna Gounder Street,
Near Jawahar High School,
Karumalaikoodal,
Mettur Dam-636 402,
Salem District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Department, Fort St. George,
Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
2. The Director
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj
Department, Government of Tamil Nadu,
Panagal Maaligai 4th and 5th Floor,
Saidapet, Chennai-600 015.
3. The District Collector
Cum Inspector of Panchayats,
Thiruchirapalli, Thiruchirapalli District.
4. The Commissioner / Block Development Officer
Musiri Panchayat Union,
Musiri, Thiruchirapalli District.



5. The Accountant General of Tamil Nadu
Office of the Accountant General,
Anna Salai, Teynampet,
Chennai-600 018.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constiution of India seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents 2 to 4 to settle all retirements benefits of the petitioner along with interest for delayed payments forthwith, and Consequently direct the respondents to sanction pension along with arrears of pension including all pensionary benefits from the date of his superannuation i.e., 31.05.2016.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. M.R.Jothimanian

For Respondent(s): Mr. R.U.Dinesh Raj Kumar
Additional Government Pleader
for R1 to R4

Mr.V. Vijay Shankar
Standing Counsel for R5

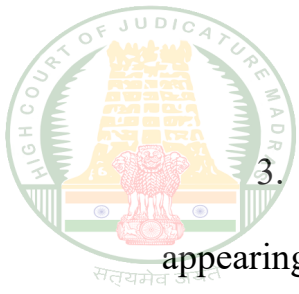
ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing respondents 2 to 4 to settle all retirements benefits of the petitioner along with interest for delayed payments forthwith, and consequently direct the respondents to sanction pension along with arrears of pension including all pensionary benefits from the date of his superannuation i.e., 31.05.2016.



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2. The petitioner was initially appointed as Assistant Draftsman on 27.02.1981 in the Rural Development Department and was subsequently promoted as Overseer on 04.07.1981 and later as Junior Engineer on 01.02.2008. He served in various Panchayat Unions and lastly at Musiri Panchayat Union, Trichy District. While in service, he was placed under suspension on 27.05.2016 on allegations of lapses in the implementation of the MGNREGS Scheme during the financial year 2015–2016, and he was not permitted to retire on attaining superannuation on 31.05.2016. A charge memo was issued on 28.06.2019, to which the petitioner submitted his explanations denying the allegations. Despite the lapse of several years, no final order was passed in the disciplinary proceedings. The petitioner approached the this Court, which directed the respondents to conclude the proceedings. Thereafter, by order dated 12.01.2026, the charges were dropped and the petitioner was permitted to retire from service with effect from 31.05.2016. However, the petitioner's retirement benefits have not been processed or disbursed by the respondents, which led to the filing of the present Writ Petition.



3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned counsel appearing for the respondents.

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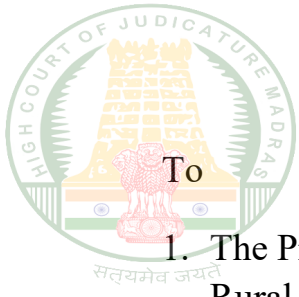
4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case and the submissions made on either side, this Court is of the view that the failure on the part of the respondents to disburse the retirement benefits, despite all charges and further actions against the petitioner having been dropped, is arbitrary and unsustainable in law. Accordingly, this Court directs the respondents to settle and disburse all retirement benefits due to the petitioner along with applicable bank interest from the date of his retirement till the date of actual disbursement, ***on or before 29.06.2026.***

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

6. Post the matter ***“for reporting compliance” on 30.06.2026.***

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