

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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

W.P.No. 14590 of 2026

V.Rajendran
Village Administrative officer (Retd)
Pallipatti Group Village,
No.183-1/12,K.M.Nagar,
Ayyothiyappatanam,
Salem-636 103.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Collector
Salem 636001.
2. The Revenue Divisional Officer,
Salem 636005.
3. The Tahsildar,
Salem, Salem District 636007.
4. The Assistant Treasury Officer
District Treasury Office, Salem 636007.

..Respondent(s)



PRAYER: This Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 4th respondent to disburse the benefits to the Petitioner as per Proceedings of 3rd respondent vide Na.Ka.No. 0001/2026/A3 dated 05.02.2026 in and by which amount were sanctioned vide Treasury reference no 1405008526020018 dated 05.02.2026 with eligible interest within a time to be specified by this honourable court by considering the representation dated 25.03.2026 made by the petitioner.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. P.Ganesan

For Respondent(s): Mr. P. Balathandayutham
Special Government Pleader

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 4th respondent to disburse the benefits to the Petitioner as per Proceedings of 3rd respondent vide Na.Ka.No. 0001/2026/A3 dated 05.02.2026 in and by which amount were sanctioned vide Treasury reference No 1405008526020018 dated 05.02.2026 with eligible interest within a time to be specified by this Court by considering the petitioner's representation dated 25.03.2026.



2. The case of the petitioner is that he was appointed as Village Administrative Officer on 16.09.1986. Subsequently, pursuant to a complaint, the petitioner was arrested by the Inspector of Police, Vigilance and Anti-corruption, Salem, and remanded to judicial custody. Consequently, he was placed under suspension by the 2nd respondent vide proceedings dated 17.09.2003.

3. The criminal case against the petitioner ultimately ended in acquittal. Though the State preferred an appeal against the acquittal, the same was dismissed on 08.09.2023, thereby, confirming the acquittal. In the interregnum, the petitioner attained the age of superannuation on 31.05.2018, however, he was not permitted to retire from service on account of the pendency of proceedings.

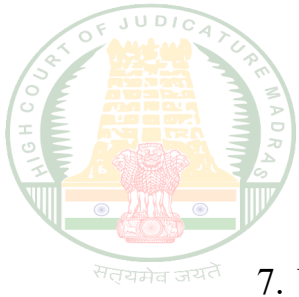
4. Thereafter, the petitioner made a representation on 25.04.2024 to the 2nd respondent requesting revocation of suspension and permission to retire from service. As no orders were passed, the petitioner approached this Court in W.P.No.38169 of 2024. By order dated 23.01.2025, this Court directed the respondents to complete the disciplinary proceedings, if any, within a period of three months and to pass appropriate orders permitting the petitioner to retire



from service along with all attendant benefits. Since the respondents have not complied with the said directions, the petitioner initiated Contempt Petition No.2787 of 2025. Pursuant thereto, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Salem, vide proceedings dated 12.10.2025 permitted the petitioner to retire from service with effect from 31.05.2018. Thereafter, by proceedings dated 05.02.2026, the 2nd respondent regularized the suspension period and the said order was forwarded to the 3rd respondent. The 3rd respondent vide order dated 05.02.2026 sanctioned a sum of Rs.9,05,455/- and forwarded the bill to the 4th respondent vide Treasury Reference No.1405008526020018. However, despite such sanction and forwarding of the bill, the amount has not been disbursed to the petitioner till date. Hence, the petitioner made a representation dated 25.03.2026 seeking disbursement of the sanctioned amount. As the same has not been considered, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Special Government Pleader appearing for respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

6. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court directs that the amount shall be disbursed to the petitioner along with applicable bank interest for the period of delay, ***on or before 08.06.2026.***



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

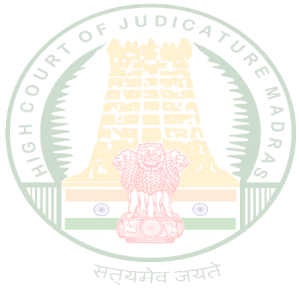
8. Post this matter ***“for reporting compliance” on 09.06.2026.***

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