



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 29-04-2026

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

WP No. 16936 of 2026

J. Devasenapathy

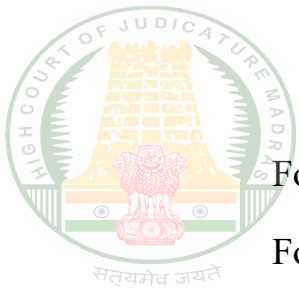
..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government of Tamil nadu
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department
Fort St George,
Chennai-600 009.
2. Science City
Department of Higher Education
Rep. by its Vice Chair Person
Gandhi Mandapam Road
Planetarium Campus,
Chennai- 600 025.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus directing the 1st Respondent to pass orders of the letter of the 2nd Respondent , dated 22.09.2022 bearing D.O.Lr.No.1652/ SCICITY/ VC/ RO / 2022 wherein the 2nd respondent had sought for sanction pension and other eligible benefits due for the employees of the 2nd respondent in the same way it was done for the employees of the Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre and Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education within the time frame stipulated by this Honble Court.



For Petitioner(s): Mr.Balan Haridas

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.R.Gokul Krishnan, AGP

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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“directing the 1st Respondent to pass orders of the letter of the 2nd Respondent , dated 22.09.2022 bearing D.O.Lr.No.1652/ SCICITY/ VC/ RO / 2022 wherein the 2nd respondent had sought for sanction pension and other eligible benefits due for the employees of the 2nd respondent in the same way it was done for the employees of the Tamil Nadu Science and Technology Centre and Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education within the time frame stipulated by this Honble Court.”

2. The petitioner was employed under the 2nd respondent, which is an institution created and fully controlled by the 1st respondent. The staff of the 2nd respondent are paid salary and other benefits on par with Government employees.

3. The 2nd respondent had submitted a proposal to the 1st respondent on 22.09.2022 seeking extension of the Old Pension Scheme to its staff and

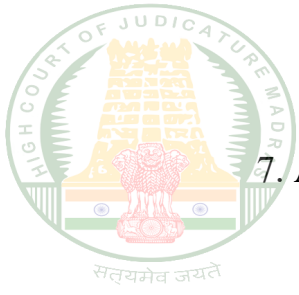


officers, on par with similarly placed institutions. However, no orders have been passed by the 1st respondent on the said proposal. In the meantime, the petitioner retired from service on 28.02.2026.

4. The petitioner's main grievance is that the benefit of the Old Pension Scheme has not been extended to the employees of the 2nd respondent despite the pending proposal dated 22.09.2022, and the petitioner has been deprived of pensionary benefits consequent to retirement. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

5. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the records.

6. Considering the fact that the letter of the 2nd respondent, seeking sanction of pension and other eligible benefits to the employees of the 2nd respondent institution on par with similarly placed institutions, has been pending before the 1st respondent since 22.09.2022, the 1st respondent is directed to pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, taking into account the earlier Government Orders issued in this regard, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order or from the date of production of a copy of this order by the petitioner.



7. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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