



W.P.(MD) No.30849 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENGH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

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and

W.M.P.(MD).No.26508 of 2023

Mary Suseela

... Petitioner

Vs

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
Rep by its Secretary,
Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
Fort St.George, Chennai - 600 009.
- 2.The Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
Tamilnadu Fishermen Welfare Board,
Integrated Animal Husbandry
and Fisheries Office Complex,
Nandanam, Chennai- 600 035.
- 3.The Assistant Director,
Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
Colachel, Office at Thengapattanam,
Kanyakumari District - 629 173.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents herein to sanction and disburse the relief fund of Rs.75,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Only) forthwith to the petitioner's family for the death of the petitioner's husband in sea and to give job to one of the family members of the petitioner.



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For Petitioner : Mr.M.J.Shabu Jose
For R-1 to R-3 : Mr.A.Oliraja,
Government Advocate

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to sanction and disburse a relief amount of Rs.75,00,000/- (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs only) to the petitioner's family on account of the death of her husband, who allegedly drowned at sea due to the Cyclone Mecno, and also to provide employment to one of the petitioner's family members on compassionate grounds.

2. According to the petitioner, her husband drowned in the sea along with his fishing boat during the cyclone. Thereafter, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 30.04.2023 to the respondents seeking sanction of a total compensation of Rs.75,00,000/-. It is the grievance of the petitioner that the said representation has not been considered till date. Hence, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing for respondent Nos.1 to 3 would submit that the representation of the petitioner dated 30.04.2023 would be considered in accordance with law.



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4. In view of the same, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, this Court directs the second respondent to consider the representation of the petitioner dated 30.04.2023 and pass orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In the event, if the said representation is not available, the petitioner is directed to submit a fresh representation before the second respondent and upon receipt of the same, the second respondent is directed to consider the petitioner's fresh representation and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law within the aforesaid period.

5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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Speaking/Non-speaking order

Index : Yes / No

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

To

1. The Secretary,
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Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
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- 2.The Commissioner of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare,
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KRISHNAN RAMASAMY, J.

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