



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-07-2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE N. ANAND VENKATESH

**CONT P No. 605 of 2025
and Sub Appln (OS) No.1349 of 2025**

Dr.R.Thenmozhi
W/o. P. Deivasigamani, Flat-C, Lotus
Valley, Plot No.1/1, D.G.Nagar, Fifth
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Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. T.Udhayachandran
Secretary to Government, Finance
(Pension) Department, St.Fort George,
Chennai-600 009.

2.S.Elumalai,
Registrar, The University of Madras,
Centenary Building, Chepauk,
Chennai-600 005.

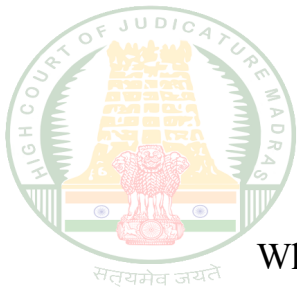
Contemnor(s)

PRAYER

Contempt petition filed under Section 11 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1974, to punish the respondents for willful disobedience of the common order passed in W.P.No.31450 of 2024 dated 30.10.2024.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Karthick Srinath
for Ms/.K.M.Vijayan Associates

For Respondent(s) Ms. R.K.Varshini
C.G. of Tamil Nadu



ORDER

When the matter was taken up for hearing today, the learned counsel for Government of Tamil Nadu, appearing on behalf of the University of Madras filed the status report. The relevant portions are extracted hereunder:

The Special Syndicate at its meeting held on 28.11.2025 considered the orders thereon of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras passed on the writ Petition No. 31450 of 2024 and Contempt Petition No. 605 of 2025 filed by Dr.R.Thenmozhi, retired Professor & Head, Department of Management Studies, University of Madras regarding the clearance of pending terminal benefits, viz, Pension/Family pension arrears, DCRG, EL/UEL and Commutation, due for the period from April 2015 to September 2025, amounting to Rs. 95,44,21,085/-, to 465 pensioners/family pensioners and to discuss the feasibility of disbursing the said terminal benefits and

RESOLVED that the pending terminal benefits, viz., DCRG for Rs. 19,84,30,212/-, EL/UEL for Rs. 30,95,86,645/- total amount to Rs. 50,80,16,857/- for the period from April 2015 to September 2025 as ordered in the WP No. 31450 of 2024 and Contempt Petition No.605 of 2025 by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras be utilized from the following deposits matured under Corpus fund and receipt of the Government Grants.

Sl. No	Name of the account	Amount in Rs.	Date of maturity
1.	Corpus Fund	10,00,00,000	21.11.2025
2.	Corpus Fund	35,60,00,000	25.11.2025
3.	Grants received from Govt. towards clearing pending terminal benefits	20,00,00,000	G.O.Ms.No.285 Higher Edn. (H1) Dept., dated: 28.11.2025
		65,60,00,000	

To settle the commutation for Rs. 38,31,73,857 depending upon the option opted by the retiree, the Vice-Chancellor Convenor Committee be authorized to utilize the funds subjected to the option received from the



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retiree. The remaining amount if any, be deposited back to the appropriate heads/funds.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Pension arrears of Rs. 2,36,67,672/- and Family Pension arrears of Rs.3,95,62,699/- amounting to a total of Rs. 6,32,30,371 disbursed to the pensioners/family pensioners by meeting with the available funds in University General Fund (Non-Plan)/IDE account be approved and ratified.

RESOLVED that the committee be constituted for revenue argumentation in various aspects to explore more funds in order to strengthen the Corpus Fund.

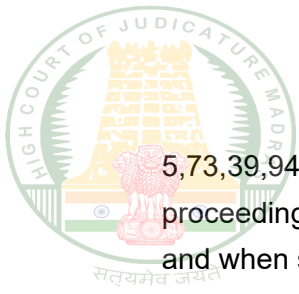
RESOLVED further that the University will take continuous efforts to reequip the corpus funds spent at the earliest.

RESOLVED that the Vice-Chancellor Convenor Committee be authorized for taking further course of action to clear all pending pensionary benefits from April 2015 to September 2025.

In compliance with the above orders passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras and the decision of the special Syndicate dated 28.11.2025, the following terminal benefits have been disbursed to the Pensioners/ Family Pensioners based on the LPD derived and submitted by the Local Fund Audit subject to the conditions that any excess, inadmissible or irregular payment pointed out by the Audit authorities at later stage shall be recovered from the Pension as per rules.

Sl.No	Voucher Number/Date	Type of pensionary benefits	No. of pensioners/family pensioners (both teaching and non-teaching)	Disbursed amount in Rs.
1	145/21.11.2025 & 146/24.11.2025 & 152/05.12.2025	Pension arrears	187	6,62,37,831
2	149/01.12.2025	DCRG	125	17,21,55,221
3	158/02.01.2026	Commutation	252	34,77,63,471
4	151/04.12.2025	EU/UEL encashment	251	28,83,29,881
5	159-217 various dates	Miscellaneous [DCRG/Commutation/EL/UEL/ Pension and Family Pension arrears	51	2,25,94,740
	Total	So far disbursed		89,70,81,144
	Kept on hold due to various reasons	To be disbursed		5,73,39,941
		Total		95,44,21,085

Among the dues amount of Rs. 95,44,21,085/-, an amount of Rs. 89,70,81,144/- has been disbursed to the Pensioners / Family Pensioners. The remaining amount of Rs.



5,73,39,941/-has been withheld due to various administrative reasons viz., individual court proceedings, non-submission of pension forms, etc., Which will be cleared / disbursed as and when sanctioned by the competent authorities.

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The aforesaid benefits have been sanctioned and paid to the following four categories of pensioners;

1. Audit certificate obtained but not settled due to fund crises
2. The Vice-Chancellor orders obtained but not settled the pensionary benefits those who retired from April 2015 to November 2020, based on the Syndicate resolution dated 15th September, 2014.
3. The Provisional pension has been sanctioned to the pensioners who retired from December 2020 to March 2022, subject to the outcome of pending Audit objections.
4. The pension proposal in respect of pensioners who retired between April 2025 and September 2025 has not been approved, due to audit objections.

2.It is clear from the above that out of Rs.95,44,21,085, only a sum of Rs.5,73,39,941/- remains to be disbursed even though it has been sanctioned and it is withheld due to various administrative reasons.

3.In the light of the above development, no further orders are required to be passed in this contempt petition and accordingly, this contempt petition is closed. Consequently, Sub application is also closed.

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