

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 13-07-2026

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

WP No. 26706 of 2026

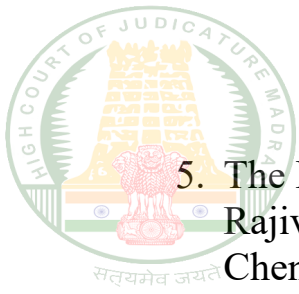
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Parameswari

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal secretary to Government
Health and Family welfare Department
Fort St.George,
Chennai-600 009
2. The District Collector, Chennai
Rajaji Salai, Fourth floor
62, Beach Road,
George Town
Chennai-600 001
3. The Principal Accountant General(A and E)
AG's Office (Audit) Complex
No.361, Anna salai,
Rostrevor Garden
Teynampet
chennai-600 018
4. The Pension Pay officer
Pension Pay office,
Directorate of Pension
No.571, Ground Floor
Perasiriyar K.Anbazhagan Maaligai
Anna Salai,
Nandanam, Chennai-600 035



5. The Dean

Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital
Chennai-600 003

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..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's representations dated 16.05.2012, 16.04.2026, 03.6.2026 and consequently sanction and disburse family pension in favour of the petitioner being the first legally wedded wife of late R.Subramani, under PPO No.C88944, along with all consequential arrears payable from the date of entitlement, by passing a reasoned order within such time frame as may be fixed by this court.

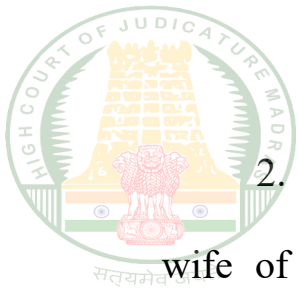
For Petitioner(s): Mr.Gokula Rao.N

For Respondent(s): Mr.L.Gokulraj
Government Advocate for R1,2,4 & 5

Mr.V.Vijay Shankar
Standing Counsel for R3

Order

A poor widow of a deceased lift-man who had worked under the 5th respondent has been made to walk through the corridors of the office of the respondents, which has constrained her to approach this Court.



2. The records would show that the petitioner is the legally wedded wife of the deceased R.Subramani, who had retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2003 and had passed away on 20.05.2024. The deceased Subramani had nominated the petitioner as his wife in the service register for the purpose of family pension. The petitioner has provided all the required documents for the sanction of family pension in her favour. The petitioner's husband had a relationship with one Revathi and the said Revathi had moved this Court in W.P.No.239 of 2018 seeking a mandamus directing the respondents to grant pension to her. This Court, vide order dated 08.01.2018, had also directed the 5th respondent herein to consider and pass orders within a period of four weeks. The 5th respondent had addressed the 3rd respondent herein about the fact that in the service register, the deceased Subramanian had nominated the petitioner as his wife for getting the family pension. This communication has been sent as early as on 08.11.2018. It is thereafter that the Memorandum of Compromise had been entered into between the petitioner and the said Revathi acknowledging the fact that the petitioner should be granted the family pension. Under this Memorandum of Compromise both of them agreed to share the family pension. Thereafter, the said Revathi had passed away on 04.10.2024. Revathi's



children have also given their No Objection Certificates on 21.11.2024.

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3. This being the case and in the absence of any order of a competent Court prohibiting the release of family pension in favour of the petitioner, there is no explanation as to why the petitioner's request has not been considered to date. The respondents have failed to discharge the statutory duties cast upon them.

4. In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, the writ petition is allowed and a mandamus is issued to the 5th respondent to sanction and disburse the family pension in favour of the petitioner, being the legally wedded wife of late Subramani along with all consequential arrears payable from the date of entitlement on or before 31.07.2026 failing which contempt proceedings will be initiated against the 5th respondent.

5. Post the matter on 03.08.2026 for reporting compliance.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No
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