

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. 26288 of 2026

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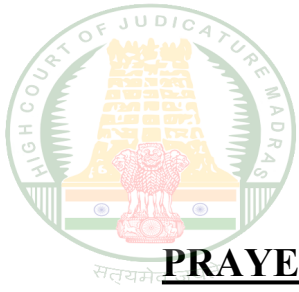
2. V.Packirisamy

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. Government Of Tami Nadu
Rep. by its principal secretary to
Government,
Environment, Climate change and Forest
Department,
Fort St.George,
Chennai 09
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest force),
Velachery Main Road, Guindy,
Chennai 32
3. The Deputy conservator of Forests
Forest Genetic Division,
coimbatore
4. The Accountant General (A and E)
Teynampet,
Tamil Nadu,
Chennai 18

..Respondent(s)



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondent 1 to 3 to pay the petitioners pension from date of retirement with effect from 8.11.2017 (1st petitioner) and 23.11.2017 (2nd petitioner) respectively instead of issuance of the GO (2D) No. 190 Environment, Climate change and Forest (FR.2(ii) Department dated 23.10..2024 and sent a proposal to the 4th respondent so as to enable the petitioners to get pension arrears from date of retirement by considering the representation 6.01.2026 with all consequential monetary benefits.

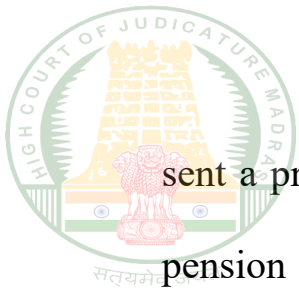
For Petitioner(s): Mr.S.Mani

For Respondent(s): Mr.V.Sivalingam,
Government Advocate – R1 to R3

Mr.V.Vijay Shankar,
Standing Counsel – R4

Order

This writ petition has been filed for a mandamus directing the respondent 1 to 3 to pay the petitioners pension from date of retirement with effect from 8.11.2017 (1st petitioner) and 23.11.2017 (2nd petitioner) respectively instead of issuance of the GO (2D) No.190 Environment, Climate change and Forest (FR.2(ii) Department dated 23.10..2024 and



sent a proposal to the 4th respondent so as to enable the petitioners to get pension arrears from date of retirement by considering the representation dated 06.01.2026 with all consequential monetary benefits.

2. It is the case of the petitioners that they were appointed as Plot Watchers on daily wage basis on 01.07.1984 and 20.10.1984. Though their names were included in the seniority list prepared in 1994 for regular appointment, their juniors were regularised earlier and the petitioners were overlooked. The petitioners were subsequently brought into regular time scale as Forest Watchers with effect from 24.01.1995, later absorbed as Plot Watchers (Supernumerary Post), and thereafter appointed as Mali (Cadre Post). They retired from service on 30.09.2018 and 31.01.2019 without receiving pension. Thereafter, the petitioners filed W.P.Nos. 18494 and 18507 of 2023, which were allowed by this Court on 03.08.2023, directing the respondents to regularise their services with effect from 24.01.1995 on par with their juniors. Pursuant to the said order, the Government issued G.O. (2D) No.190, Environment, Climate Change and Forest (FR.2(III)) Department, dated 23.10.2024, regularising their services notionally from 24.01.1995 for the purpose of pension and other retirement benefits. However, despite such regularisation, the

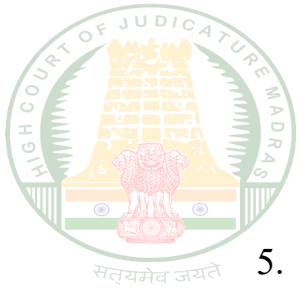


respondents sanctioned pension only from the date of issuance of the Government Order instead of from the respective dates of retirement. In

this regard, the petitioner gave a representation dated 06.01.2026 requesting them to consider the request. Since no orders have been passed on the said representation, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

4. Considering the limited scope of the prayer sought in this writ petition, and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this Court directs the respondents 1 to 3 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 06.01.2026 and pass appropriate orders on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



5. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

Speaking/Non-speaking order

Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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To

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