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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 21-07-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 28334 of 2026 and

WMP No.31061 of 2026

M/s.Hotel Virudhunagar,
No.114, G.N.Chetty Raod,
T. Nagar, Chennai 600 017.

..Petitioner

Vs

The Recovery officer,
Employees provident Fund organization,
Regional Office, Chennai South,
No.37, Royapettah High Road,
Chennai 600 014.

..Respondent

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking to issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, calling for the records pertaining to the order dated 08.05.2026 passed in E.P.F.A.No.41 of 2026 by the learned Central Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court, Chenani and quash the same as illegal, arbitrary and to consequently direct the Respondent to permit the petitioner to pay the EPF dues in 10 installments within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner:

Ms.S.Renukadevi

For Respondent:

Ms.S.Hariyni

ORDER

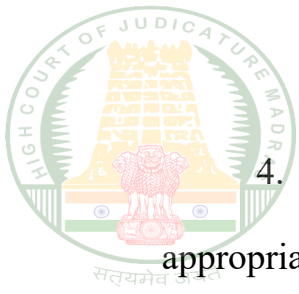
This writ petition has been filed seeking to quash the order dated 08.05.2026 in E.P.F.A.No.41 of 2026 passed by the learned Central



Government Industrial Tribunal cum Labour Court, Chennai and for a consequential direction to the Respondent to permit the petitioner to pay the EPF dues in 10 installments within a time frame fixed by this Court.

2. The petitioner is running a business in the name and style M/s.Hotel Virudhunagar, at No.114, G.N.Chetty Raod, T. Nagar, Chennai 600 017. During the Covid-19 pandemic, the petitioner hotel remained closed from 2020 to 2025. Consequently the petitioner suffered a severe financial crises, resulting in the initiation of recovery proceedings before the Debt Recovery Tribunal for the outstanding amount. Therefore the petitioner filed E.P.F.C.P.No.3 of 2023 before the Employees Provident Fund Appellate Tribunal, Chennai, wherein an order was passed on 02.02.2023, requiring the petitioner to deposit the outstanding amount of Rs.29,26,530/- forthwith, failing which, action would be taken to recover the said amount. Aggrieved against the said order, the petitioner preferred an appeal in EPFA No.41 of 2026 which was also dismissed on 08.05.2026. Hence, this writ petition.

3. Today when the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that entire outstanding amount is Rs.29,26,530/- and seeks indulgence of this Court for the purpose of granting installments to pay the said amount.



4. Considering the financial status of the petitioner, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the petitioner to pay the entire outstanding amount of Rs.29,26,530/- (Rupees Twenty Nine lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty only) in six equal monthly installments commencing from August 2026. In the event of not paying the installments as stipulated above, the respondent is at liberty to take action in accordance with law.

5. With the above direction, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

(K. SURENDER,J.)
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