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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 06.08.2026

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

W.P.Nos.31041, 31044, 31085 & 31087 of 2026

and

W.M.P.Nos.34122, 34124, 34128, 34130, 34183, 34184, 34187 & 34188 of 2026

V.Mariyappan

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31041 of 2026

E.Elumalai

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31044 of 2026

M.Mannathan

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31085 of 2026

V.Kathiravan

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31087 of 2026

Vs.

1. The Secretary to Government,
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Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Secretary to Government,
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Fort St George, Chennai – 600 009.
3. The Commissioner of Revenue Administration,
Ezhilagam, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.
4. The Accountant General (A & E),
Teynampet, Chennai – 600 018.
5. The District Collector,
Chenglapattu District, Chengalpattu.
6. The Tahsildhar,
Maduranthakam Taluk, Chengalpattu District.

..Respondent(s) in all
petitions

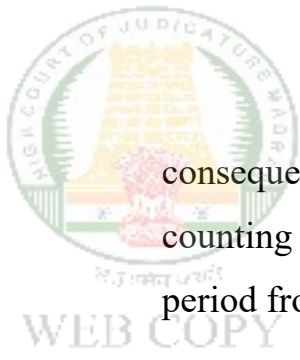


Prayer in W.P.No.31041 of 2026: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.200/2026/A2, dated 10.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 12.10.2022, with arrears and interest.

Prayer in W.P.No.31044 of 2026: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.200/2026/A2, dated 10.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 09.09.2019, with arrears and interest.

Prayer in W.P.No.31085 of 2026: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.200/2026/A2, dated 10.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 29.10.2020, with arrears and interest.

Prayer in W.P.No.31087 of 2026: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.4640/2024/D, dated 17.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and



consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 09.09.2019, with arrears and interest.

In all petitions:

For Petitioner(s) : Mr.G.Jaisivaramaraj

For Respondent(s) : Mr.S.Srinivasan, Additional Government Pleader,
for R1 to R3 and R5 & R6
: Mr.Arjun Suresh, Standing Counsel, for R4

COMMON ORDER

W.P.No.31041 of 2026 is filed for the relief set out below:

"to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.200/2026/A2, dated 10.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 12.10.2022, with arrears and interest."

W.P.No.31044 of 2026 is filed for the relief set out below:

"to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.200/2026/A2, dated 10.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 09.09.2019, with arrears and interest."



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W.P.No.31085 of 2026 is filed for the relief set out below:

"to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.200/2026/A2, dated 10.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 29.10.2020, with arrears and interest."

W.P.No.31087 of 2026 is filed for the relief set out below:

"to call for the records relating to order of the 6th respondent in Na.Ka.No.4640/2024/D, dated 17.03.2026 and quash the same as illegal and consequently, direct the respondents 1 to 6 to disburse full pension, and gratuity counting full service rendered by the petitioner as Village Assistant, for the period from 01.06.1995 to 09.09.2019, with arrears and interest."

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

3. The issue involved in the present cases has already been dealt with by the Division Bench of the Madurai Bench of this Court in the case of ***The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Secretariat, Chennai and others Vs. K.Marimuthu***



(W.A.(MD).Nos.1200 of 2025 and etc. batch of cases, decided on 03.02.2026),

wherein the Division Bench has held that the Village Assistant service is not termed as non provincialised service and that the full service rendered as Village Assistant after 01.06.1995 as well as Village Administrative Officer shall be taken into account for computing the pensionary benefits and further directed the respondents to disburse the pensionary benefits. For better appreciation, the relevant portion of the said judgment is extracted as under:-

“5.The narrow question that arise in these appeals is whether the service of the Village Assistant from 01.06.1995 is non-provincialised service and if not, whether the impugned order is in accordance with law?

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9. In view of the submission of Thiru.M.Ajmal Khan, learned Additional Advocate General, on instructions, from the Government, the service of the Village Assistants from the date of the appointment could not be termed as “non-provincialised” service, this Court is inclined to hold that, in all subject matters of these cases before this Court where a Village Assistant is promoted as Village Administrative Officer, the full service rendered as Village Assistant after 01.06.1995 as well as Village Administrative Officer shall be taken into account for computing the pensionary benefits. In view of the above finding that Village Assistant service is not termed as non provincialised service, reliance of the G.O.Ms.No.73 Revenue and Disaster management [Ser.8(1)] Department, dated 13.02.2025, subject to the result of these Writ Appeals need not be considered. Therefore, the writ Court had correctly directed the Government to reckon the writ



petitioner's full regular service rendered as a Village Assistant and Village Administrative Officer as qualifying service and this Court finds no merit in these appeals and all the appeals are liable to be dismissed.

10. Accordingly, the order of the writ court does not warrant any interference, and all the writ appeals are dismissed. The respondents are directed to disburse the pensionary benefits within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.”

4. The above judgment of the Division Bench of the Madurai Bench of this Court applies on all fours to the instant cases and accordingly, these writ petitions stand **allowed** and the respective impugned orders are set aside and the respondents are directed to comply with the directions issued in ***W.A. (MD).Nos.1200 of 2025 and etc. batch of cases, decided on 03.02.2026***, with regard to payment of pensionary benefits in respect of the petitioners herein as well, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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

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