



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.31012, 31016, 31018, 31019 & 31023 of 2026

S.Natarajan

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31012 of 2026

P.Jayanthi

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31016 of 2026

G.Radha

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31018 of 2026

R.Selvaraj

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31019 of 2026

M.Ramalingam

..Petitioner(s) in W.P.No.31023 of 2026

Vs.

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu,
Rep. by its Principal Secretary to Government,
Higher Education Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai – 600 009.
2. The Syndicate of Annamalai University,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District.
3. The Registrar,
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District.
4. The Deputy Director,
Local Fund Audit,
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District.



5. The Finance Committee of Annamalai University,
Rep. by its Secretary,
Annamalai University,
Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram,
Cuddalore District.

..Respondent(s) in all petitions

Common Prayer: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to release the pensionary benefits to the petitioners including Gratuity, Surrendered earned leave, Unearned leave on private affairs and Commutation with interest of 12% per annum, from the date of their retirement till the date of realisation within a stipulated time fixed by this Hon'ble Court in the light of the order passed by the Division Bench of this Hon'ble Court in W.A.Nos 645 & 686 of 2025, dated 25.03.2025.

In all petitions:

For Petitioner(s)	: Mr.A.S.Kaizer
For Respondent(s)	: Mr.K.Sathish, Government Advocate, for R1 : Mr.S.Venkatesh, Standing Counsel. for M/s.Ajmal Associates, for R3

COMMON ORDER

These writ petitions have been filed seeking to direct the respondents to release the pensionary benefits to the respective petitioners, including Gratuity, Surrendered earned leave, Unearned leave on private affairs and Commutation with interest of 12% per annum, from the date of their retirement till the date of



realisation, within a stipulated time fixed by this Court, in the light of the order passed by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.Nos 645 & 686 of 2025, dated 25.03.2025.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, the learned Government Advocate appearing for the 1st respondent and the learned counsel appearing for the 3rd respondent and perused the materials available on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners relied upon the judgment passed by the Division Bench of this Court in the cases involving similar facts in ***The Registrar, Annamalai University Chidambaram vs. P.Natesan (W.A.Nos.645 and 686 of 2025, dated 25.03.2025)***, wherein the Division Bench confirmed the order passed by the learned Single Judge of this Court, allowing the writ petitions filed by similarly placed employees seeking pensionary benefits. The relevant portion of the judgment dated 25.03.2025 passed by the Division Bench of this Court is extracted hereunder:-

“7. Since all the private respondents have retired, the University will fix their pay according to the statutes giving stage improvement at 7 years, 14 years and 21 years and grant terminal benefits, including pension, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs. Consequently, the connected Miscellaneous Petitions are closed.”



4. Since the issues raised in the present writ petitions are squarely covered by the judgment passed by the Division Bench of this Court, applying the ratio laid down in the above case, these writ petitions stand disposed of with a direction to the respondents to comply with the directions issued in ***W.A.Nos.645 and 686 of 2025, dated 25.03.2025***, with regard to the fixation of pay and grant of terminal benefits in respect of the petitioners herein as well, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, these writ petitions stand disposed of. No costs.

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

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