



W.P.(MD) No.18428 of 2026

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DATED : 07.07.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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K.Solaiappan

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The Principal Secretary
to Government
Tourism, Culture and Religious
Endowments Department
Secretariat, Fort St.George
Chennai-600 038

2.The Commissioner
Hindu Religious and Charitable
Endowments Department
119, Uthamar Gandhi Salai
Chennai-38

3.The Joint Commissioner /
Executive Officer
Arulmigu Meenakshi
Sundareswarar Temple
Madurai

4.The Board of Trustees
Arulmigu Meenakshi
Sundareswarar Temple
Madurai

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the third respondent to forthwith disburse the petitioner's retirement benefits, including, gratuity and leave encashment, provident fund and other benefits along with interest by considering the petitioner's representation dated 17.04.2026 with in the time limit as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mrs.P.Dhanam

For Respondents : Mr.M.Dinesh Hari Sudarsan
Counsel for the Govt. of Tamil Nadu for R1 & R2
Mr.R.Murali for R3 & R4

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed for a writ of mandamus directing the third respondent to forthwith disburse the petitioner's retirement benefits, including, gratuity and leave encashment, provident fund and other benefits along with interest, by considering the petitioner's representation dated 17.04.2026 within the time limit as may be fixed by this Court.



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2. This matter came up for consideration on 01.07.2026 and this Court ordered notice to the respondents.

3. Mr.R.Murali, learned counsel appearing for the respondents 3 & 4, on instructions, submits that the disciplinary proceedings that were initiated against the petitioner while he was in service *vide* charge memo dated 30.04.2021 are still pending against the petitioner and for that reason only, the terminal benefits of the petitioner are not being disbursed. He further submits that the said disciplinary proceedings would be concluded as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of four weeks and depending upon the same, the terminal benefits of the petitioner would be disbursed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner also submits that the petitioner has already submitted his explanation in response to the charge memo dated 30.04.2021 and he would participate in the enquiry proceedings and would co-operate for the early disposal of the disciplinary proceedings.

5. In the light of the above, without going into the merits of the matter, this writ petition is disposed of directing the respondents 3 & 4 to



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conclude the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner *vide* charge memo dated 30.04.2021, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and disburse the terminal benefits depending upon the result of the disciplinary proceedings, within period of three weeks from the date of passing orders in the disciplinary proceedings. No costs.

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes / No

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