

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.05.2021

CORAM :

THE HON'BLE MR.SANJIB BANERJEE, CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SENTHILKUMAR RAMAMOORTHY

W.P.(MD) No.9540 of 2021

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..Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Secretariat,
St.George Fort,
Chennai 600 009

2.The Secretary to Government,
Health & Family Welfare Department,
St.George Fort,
Chennai 600 009

..Respondents

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents 1 to 3 to give compensation to all the Doctors for Rs.50,00,000/-, nurses for Rs.25,00,000/-, police officers for Rs.25,00,000/- and sweepers for Rs.10,00,000/- who were died in the Covid 19 Corona Virus on the basis of the representation dated 11.05.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.P.Dhas

For Respondents: Mr.R.Shunmugasundaram

Advocate General

Assisted by

Ms.Shabnam Banu, Govt. Advocate

ORDER

(Made by the Hon'ble Chief Justice)

This is a public interest litigation calling upon the Court to issue a direction to the State Government to consider compensation to the families of Doctors, Nurses, Police Officers, Sweepers and other frontline workers who have died upon being afflicted by the virus.

2. There are certain schemes that have been announced by the State and in several cases, ad hoc compensation has also been awarded. It is a matter of policy that the State needs to decide on and there can be no general direction issued by the Court.

3. It is hoped that the matter will receive a sympathetic consideration of the State, particularly in case of the needy families who lost their bread-earners. Both compensation and compassionate appointments may be considered by the State and appropriate rules or a scheme be framed in such regard.

4. W.P.No.9540 of 2021 is disposed of. There will be no order as to costs.

s/d-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

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To:

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St.George Fort,
Chennai 600 009

2.The Secretary to Government,
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