



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 19.03.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.(MD) No.6273 of 2021

N.Ganapathi Subramanian

...Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Personal Assistant to the District Collector (Noon Meal),
Madurai.

2.The Assistant Director (Panchayats),
Madurai.

3.The Block Development Officer,
Madurai East Village Panchayat,
Madurai.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to consider the representation sent by the petitioner, dated 09.08.2020 and to disburse the monetary benefits with 12% interest due to the petitioner for the demise of his sister Kalavathy within a reasonable period of time to be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.P.Ganapathi Subramanian

For Respondents : Mrs.J.Padmavathi Devi for R1 & R2
Special Government Pleader

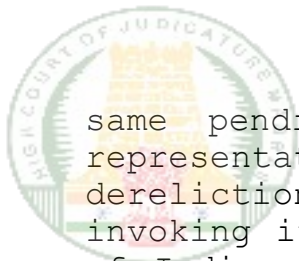
Mr.M.Karuppasamy for R3
Government Advocate

O R D E R

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2.Since the petitioner's request to the respondents to disburse the monetary benefits with 12% interest due to the petitioner for the demise of his sister Kalavathy, was not considered, the Writ Petition has been filed. According to the petitioner, he has made a representation in this regard on 09.08.2020, which is still pending.

3. It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the



same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence this Court will be justified in invoking its extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

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4. In the light of the above observations, it would be appropriate to direct the respondents herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 09.08.2020, within a stipulated time and thereby the ends of justice could be secured. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its view with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5. Accordingly, there shall be a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's representation dated 09.08.2020, on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, after giving due opportunity to all other legal heirs of the deceased employee N.Kalavathi.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CS-III)

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To

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+1 CC to M/s.P.GANAPATHI SUBRAMANIAN, Advocate (SR-12624[F] dated 19/03/2021)

+1 CC to M/s.SPL GP (SR-12746[F] dated 22/03/2021)

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