



W.P.No.15385 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 15.06.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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B.Jaya

... Petitioner

Vs

The Registrar,
University of Madras,
Chennai 600 005.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to take necessary action upon the representation made by the petitioner on 01.03.2023 which is pending before the respondent.

For Petitioner : No representation

For Respondent : Ms.V.Sudha,
Central Government Standing Counsel

ORDER

No representation for the petitioner.



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2.Heard Ms.V.Sudha, learned Central Government Standing Counsel for the respondent.

3.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondent on 01.03.2023, for grant of family pension of her husband late C.Padmanathan.. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

4.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 him 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 the Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

5.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated



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01.03.2023, 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.

6.It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

7.With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Index: Yes/No

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