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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED:14.02.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

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C.Sethuraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Principal Secretary/Commissioner of
Treasuries and Accounts,
New Health Insurance Scheme 2014,
Integrated Office Complex for
Financial Department,
Nandanam, Chennai.
- 2.The Managing Director,
The Government Officers and
Public Services Co-operative Housing Society Limited,
Chennai-07.
- 3.The Sub-Registrar,
MDA HSG-2,
The Government Officers and
Public Services Co-operative Housing Society Limited,
221, South Car Street,
Sankarankovil,
Tirunelveli District.



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4.M/s.United India Insurance Company Limited,
Represented by its Divisional Manager,
PLA Rathna Towers, 5th Floor,
212, Anna Salai,
Chennai-06.

... Respondents

Prayer:Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the fourth respondent to reimburse the medical expenses of Rs.3,43,571.93/- with interest to the petitioner under the Health Insurance Scheme within the time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	: Mr.R.J.Karthick
For Respondent	: Mr.G.V.Vairom Santhosh Additional Government Pleader for R1 to R3 Mr.C.Karthik for R4

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for a direction to the fourth respondent to reimburse the medical expenses of Rs.3,43,571.93/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy One Paise Ninety Three only) with interest to the petitioner under the Health Insurance Scheme within the time frame fixed by this Court.



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2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner is working as Accountant in Tamil Nadu Co-operative Society and he is the subscriber of the New Health Insurance Scheme, 2016. While so, in the month of August 2020, the petitioner was found with symptoms of SARS-COV-2(COVID-19) and on 03.08.2020, he was admitted in Rosemary Mission Hospitals and Research Centre, Tirunelveli and was treated as in-patient from 03.08.2020 to 18.08.2020. A sum of Rs.3,43,571.93/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy One Paise Ninety Three only) was charged by the hospital management for the treatment taken by him. Since he is eligible for medical claim under the Tamil Nadu New Health Insurance Scheme, he has made an application on 21.09.2020 to the third respondent in the prescribed format and the third respondent has forwarded the same to the second respondent. But, till date, no order was passed. Therefore, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition with the aforesaid prayer.



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3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that it would suffice, if the respondents are directed to dispose of the application of the petitioner, dated 21.09.2020, on merits and in accordance with law, within a specified period.

4. The learned Additional Government Pleader appearing for the respondents and the learned counsel appearing for the fourth respondent have no serious objection for such an order being passed by this Court.

5. Considering the limited request made by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court, without going into the merits of the matter, directs the respondents to consider the petitioner's application, dated 21.09.2020 and pass appropriate orders, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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

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NCC:Yes/No

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