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W.P.No.23618 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.11.2025

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M. DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.23618 of 2023
and
W.M.P.No.38281 of 2025

Anbarasan

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. By Secretary to Government,
Health and Family Welfare Department,
Fort St.Church, Chennai.
 - 2.The District Collector,
Kancheepuram District.
 - 3.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Salamedu, Villupuram District.
 - 4.The Covid-19 Death Ascertaining Committee/
District Revenue Officer,
Kancheepuram District.
 - 5.The Branch Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Kancheepuram,
Kancheepuram District.
- ... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India
praying for issuance of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the



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records of the 2nd respondent in proceedings COLKPM4083/2023/X3 dated 12.07.2023, quash the same consequently direct the respondents to disburse Chief Minister General Relief fund for petitioner's father's covid 19 death.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.N.Subramani

For Respondents : Mr.E.Sundaram
Government Advocate [R1]
Mr.P.Muthukumar
Additional Advocate General
Assisted by Mrs.S.Anitha
Special Government Pleader [R2 & R4]
Mr.M.Aswin
Standing Counsel [R3 & R5]

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking for a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus, to call for the records of the 2nd respondent in proceedings COLKPM4083/2023/X3 dated 12.07.2023, and quash the same and consequently, to direct the respondents to disburse Chief Minister General Relief fund for petitioner's father's covid 19 death.

2. The case of the petitioner is that his father, namely Sankaran worked in the 3rd respondent Corporation as Special Grade Driver and he died on 17.09.2020 due to covid-19 leaving behind the petitioner, his



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brother and his mother. After his demise, the petitioner obtained a legal heir certificate and made representations dated 15.03.2022 and 19.09.2022 before the respondents seeking Chief Minister General relief fund for the death of his father. Since the same was not considered by the respondents, the petitioner has filed a writ petition before this Court in W.P.No.8704 of 2023 and this Court, by its order, dated 21.03.2023, disposed of the said writ petition, directing the 2nd respondent to consider the petitioner's representation dated 19.09.2022 and pass appropriate orders. Pursuant to which, the present impugned order dated 12.07.2023 has been passed by the 2nd respondent. Challenging the same, the petitioner has filed the present writ petition before this Court.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the 2nd respondent has passed the impugned order solely on the ground that G.O.Ms.No.403, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, dated 05.08.2020, applicable only to the frontline workers and the same is not extended to the employees of the Transport Corporation. However, the respondents have disbursed only a sum of Rs.50,000/- in terms of G.O.Ms.No.887, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, dated 16.12.2021 to the petitioner. In the said G.O., it is stated that the children



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Management Department, 16.12.2021, however the said G.O. is pertaining to exgratia amount to the legal heirs of Government servants/local body employees who were engaged in frontline Covid-19 related work, contract Covid-19 and lost their lives. It is pertinent to note that though the father of the petitioner was working during the Covid-19 pandemic situation, he is not coming under the category of frontline work. Therefore, the prayer sought by the petitioner cannot be granted.

7. At this juncture, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that at the time of death of the petitioner's father, the petitioner was aged about 23 years and his younger brother was aged about 15 years. Hence, he submitted that this Court may grant liberty to the petitioner's brother, namely Guhan to make a representation before the 2nd respondent for appropriate relief.

8. In view of the limited request sought by the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, this Court, without interfering with the impugned order, grants liberty to the petitioner's brother to make a fresh representation before the 2nd respondent in terms of G.O.Ms.No.887, Revenue & Disaster Management Department, dated 16.12.2021, within



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a period of two (2) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, along with death certificate of the deceased and a certificate/document to prove that he is a minor at the time of the death of the deceased. Upon such representation, the 2nd respondent is directed to consider the same and pass appropriate orders, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four (4) weeks thereafter.

9. With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

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