



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.12.2025

CORAM

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

W.P.No.36935 of 2025

1.Malathi
2.Rajeshwar
3.Venkatesh

... Petitioners

Vs.

1.The Tamil Nadu Grama Bank,
Represented by its Chairman,
Head Office, No.6, Yercaud Road,
Hasthampatty, Salem-636 007,
Tamil Nadu.

2.The Branch Manager,
The Tamil Nadu Grama Bank,
Perungalathur Branch,
No.13, Kamaraj High Road,
Perungalathur,
Chengalpattu-600 063.

3.The General Manager,
Human Resources Management (HRM),
The Tamil Nadu Grama Bank,
Head Office, No.6, Yercaud Road,
Hasthampatty, Salem-636 007,
Tamil Nadu.



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

4.The Regional P.F.Commissioner-II,
EPF Organisation, Regional Office,
Steel Plant Road, Thalavaipatti,
Salem, Tamil Nadu-636 302.

....Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to release the entire provident fund amount which had been deposited in relation to UAN No.100362185361 belonging to late Mr.Sridhar along with interest at the rate of 12% from the date of superannuation i.e., 30.09.2021 till the date of realization within a time frame stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.Ashwin Prashanth

For Respondents : Mr.W.Aadarash Levin
for Mr.T.S.Gopalan and Co
for R1 to R3
Ms.R.Meenakshi for R4

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed to direct the respondents to release the entire provident fund amount which had been deposited in relation to UAN No.100362185361 belonging to late Mr.Sridhar along with interest at the rate of 12% from the date of superannuation i.e., 30.09.2021 till the date of realization within a time frame fixed by this Court.



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

WEB COPY

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are the legal heirs of Late Sridhar, who was working as Assistant Manager in the respondents 1 to 3 Bank, namely, Tamil Nadu Grama Bank. Prior to retirement, the father of the petitioners had applied under the pension scheme of the Tamil Nadu Grama Bank which was accepted and a Pension Payment Order was issued in favour of him and their father had submitted claim for provident fund under UAN No.100362185361 and it was rejected multiple times by the fourth respondent on untenable grounds. Despite resubmitting corrected claims, the Provident Fund amount was not disbursed. In the meanwhile, their father passed away. After his death, the petitioners as legal heirs submitted requisite claim forms, representations including Form-20 and other documents to the respondent Nos.1 to 3 Bank seeking to release the provident fund of their father. Despite receipt of aforesaid representations, no response was received from the Bank or from the fourth respondent and the petitioners had also filed an application under the Right to Information Act to the Public Information Officer of the fourth respondent. In response, the Public Information Officer attached to the fourth respondent, vide reply dated 17.03.2025, stated that the Tamil Nadu



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

Grama Bank was excluded from the purview of the Employees' Provident

Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952, with effect from 01.04.2018

and that the provident fund pertaining to the Tamil Nadu Grama Bank had

been transferred to the Bank's Trust fund and the available balance in the

Provident Fund account of the petitioner's father is Rs.12,79,977/-. The

petitioners also sent legal notice dated 02.07.2025 and representation dated

24.08.2025 to the respondents seeking to release the provident fund amount,

however, the third respondent, vide reply dated 29.08.2025, denied the

contents of the RTI reply of the fourth respondent and stated that the

appropriate authority to disburse the provident fund of an individual to the

Bank is the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, who is the fourth

respondent herein. Though the petitioners have issued legal notices and

representations, no response has been received so far. Hence, the petitioners

are before this Court seeking the aforesaid prayer.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel

appearing for the respondent Nos.1 to 3 submits that a sum of Rs.12,79,977/-

available in the provident fund account was already disbursed to the

petitioners.



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

WEB COPY

4. Recording the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.1 to 3, this Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondent Nos.1 to 3 to disburse the amount if any available in the petitioners' father account with applicable interest within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

11.12.2025

NCC: Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Speaking Order : Yes / No
ssb



WEB COPY



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

To

- 1.The Tamil Nadu Grama Bank,
Represented by its Chairman,
Head Office, No.6, Yercaud Road,
Hasthampatty, Salem-636 007,
Tamil Nadu.
- 2.The Branch Manager,
The Tamil Nadu Grama Bank,
Perungalathur Branch,
No.13, Kamaraj High Road,
Perungalathur,
Chengalpattu-600 063.
- 3.The General Manager,
Human Resources Management (HRM),
The Tamil Nadu Grama Bank,
Head Office, No.6, Yercaud Road,
Hasthampatty, Salem-636 007,
Tamil Nadu.
- 4.The Regional P.F.Commissioner-II,
EPF Organisation, Regional Office,
Steel Plant Road, Thalavaipatti,
Salem, Tamil Nadu-636 302.



WEB COPY



W.P.No.36935 of 2025
M.DHANDAPANI, J.

ssb

W.P.No.36935 of 2025

11.12.2025



WEB COPY



W.P.No.36935 of 2025



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

W.P.No.36935 of 2025

WEB COPY

M.DHANDAPANI, J.

The matter is listed today under the caption “for being mentioned” at the instance of the learned counsel appearing for the petitioners.

2. This Court perused the order dated 11.12.2025 and finds that in paragraph No.4 of the order, instead of directing the respondents 1 to 4 to disburse the amount if any available in the petitioners’ father account with applicable interest, it was directed the respondent Nos.1 to 3 to disburse the amount.

3. Considering the above, paragraph No.4 of the said order dated 11.12.2025 shall be replaced as follows:-

“Recording the submission made by the learned counsel appearing for the respondent Nos.1 to 3, this Writ Petition is disposed of directing the respondent Nos.1 to 4 to disburse the amount if any available in the petitioners’ father account with



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

WEB COPY

applicable interest within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.”

4. Registry is directed to carry out necessary correction in the order dated 11.12.2025 and issue fresh order copy to the parties.

18.02.2026

ssb



WEB COPY



W.P.No.36935 of 2025

M.DHANDAPANI, J.

ssb

W.P.No.36935 of 2025

18.02.2026