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W.P.Nos.45694 and 45700 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE **V. LAKSHMINARAYANAN**

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W.P.No.45694 of 2025

L.Nirmala

.. Petitioner

VS

- 1.The Union of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya,
Freedom Fighter Division, INA Section,
2nd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 2.The Under Secretary (Policy),
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya,
Freedom Fighter Division, INA Section,
2nd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 3.The Under Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya,
Freedom Fighter Division, INA Section,
2nd Floor, NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi – 110 001.
- 4.The Branch Manager,
Centralised Pension Processing Centre – Chennai,
Indian Bank, No.7, Prakasam Salai,
II Floor, Opp. To Panagal Park,
T.Nagar, Chennai – 600 017.
- 5.The Branch Manager,
Indian Bank (Koyambedu Branch),
No.1, Kalliamman Koil Street, Natesan Nagar,
Koyambedu, Chennai – 600 092.

.. Respondents



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W.P.No.45700 of 2025

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.. Respondents

Prayer in W.P.No.45694 of 2025: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of certiorari to call for the records on the file of the second respondent and quash the impugned clause 5.2.5 of revised guidelines i.e., “Widowed/divorced daughter is not eligible for samman pension” issued under the revised policy guidelines of SSS (Swatantrata Sainik Samman) Yojana under reference No.45/03/2014-FF(P) vide letter dated 06.08.2014 issued by the Under Secretary (Policy), Ministry of Home Affairs, Freedom Fighter Division, INA Section, the second respondent herein as illegal and not in accordance with law.



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WEB COPY Prayer in W.P.No.45700 of 2025: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a writ of certiorarified mandamus to call for the records on the file of the first respondent in Ref. No.52/TN/06/2025/FF/INA (C.F.No.3750409) dated 22.09.2025 and quash the same as illegal and not in accordance with law and consequently direct the first respondent to grant the eligible pension to the petitioner in an expeditious manner.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.R.Sivaraman in both WPs
For Respondents	:	Mr.R.Rajesh Vivekananthan, Deputy Solicitor General for R1 to R3 in both WPs

COMMON ORDER

Heard Mr.R.Sivaraman and Mr.R.Rajesh Vivekananthan,
Deputy Solicitor General for the parties.

2. Mr.Rajesh Vivekananthan points out that the issue raised in the present writ petitions is covered by a judgment of this Court in **Thillai Lokanathan vs. Under Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Freedom Fighters and Rehabilitation Division, New**



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Delhi (W.P.No.29353 of 2025 dated 22.10.2025). In terms of

the said judgment, these writ petitions are allowed.

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3. The first respondent shall forward the papers of the petitioner to the State of Tamil Nadu. The State of Tamil Nadu in terms of the direction given by the Union of India, shall cause an enquiry as regards alleged indigent circumstances of the petitioner and shall submit a report to the Union of India as per the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana Pension Scheme. If the report of the State of Tamil Nadu points out to the indigent circumstances of the petitioner, the first respondent shall pass appropriate orders on the pension papers.

There shall be no order as to costs.

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Index:Yes/No
Neutral Citation:Yes/No
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