

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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DATED : 04.11.2025**CORAM****THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN****W.P.(MD)No.16285 of 2022**

Uma Maheswari

... Petitioner

Vs.

The District Child Welfare Officer,
O/o.the District Child Welfare Officer,
Virudhunagar District.

... Respondent

Prayer: Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to take necessary steps to sanction the monetary benefits to the petitioner, as per G.O.(Ms)No.24 of 2021 dated 11.06.2021 issued by the Social Welfare and Woman Empowerment Department by considering the petitioner's representation dated 02.07.2021.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Bharathiveerakumar

For Respondent : Mr.K.S.Selvaganesan,
Additional Government Pleader.

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ORDER

Heard both sides.



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2. The petitioner's husband died due to Covid 19. As per G.O.(Ms).No.24 Social Welfare and Women Empowerment [SW.5(1)] Department dated 11.06.2021, a sum of Rs.3 Lakhs has to be paid to the father of the surviving child as immediate relief. The petitioner requested the respondent to make the said payment. Since the said request was not considered, the present writ petition came to be filed.

3. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned Additional Government Pleader submitted that the petitioner got employment as Sweeper in Judicial Department and that therefore, the assistance sought for cannot be granted.

4. It is not in dispute that the petitioner got employment only subsequent to the demise of her husband. In such matters, the position that obtained on the date of the writ petitioner's husband's death alone is material and subsequent developments cannot be taken into account. I direct the respondent to make the said payment of a sum of Rs.3 Lakhs to the writ petitioner within a period of twelve



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weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. This writ
petition stands allowed. No costs.

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