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W.P.No.11121 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated :03.02.2026

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THE HONOURABLE Ms. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

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S,Arun Prabhakaran

...Petitioner

-Vs-

1. The Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu,
Office of the Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu,
Secretariat, Chennai 600 009.

2. The Director General of Police,
Office of the Director General of Police,
No.601, Dr. Radhakrishnan Salai,
Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.

3. The Commandant,
Office of the Commandant,
Tamil Nadu Special Police Regimental Centre Battalion,
Avadi, Chennai 600 005.

..Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondents 1 and 2 to take appropriate steps to release the Covid-19 death compensation relief fund to the legal heirs of deceased Tmt.Rani, upon consideration of the petitioner's representation dated 10.01.2025 within the stipulated time in accordance with law.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arivazhagan
For Respondent-1 :Mr.V.Jeevagiridharan,
Additional Government Pleader
For Respondents 2 & 3 : Mr.L.Baskaran
Government Advocate.

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing respondents 1 and 2 to take appropriate steps to release the Covid-19 death compensation relief fund to the legal heirs of deceased Tmt.Rani, upon consideration of the petitioner's representation dated 10.01.2025, within the stipulated time in accordance with law.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that his mother was working as a Sanitary worker in the Tamil Nadu Special Police Department from the year 2000 to 2020. She had an unblemished record during her tenure. She died on 27.02.2020 due to covid leaving behind two sons and one daughter namely the petitioner, Vasantha Kumar and Maria Prayan as her legal heirs. The death was duly intimated to the 3rd respondent.



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Subsequently, the 3rd respondent-Office informed the petitioner about the

Covid-19 death compensation scheme, pursuant to which the petitioner

had submitted all the required documents before the 3rd respondent.

However, since there was no progress, the petitioner filed an RTI

petition on 13.06.2023. Thereafter, the petitioner was informed that his

mother's death compensation had been intimated to the office of the 2nd

respondent on 31.07.2020 and that a detailed proposal was forwarded on

30.03.2023. Despite repeated requests and demands made by the

petitioner, the respondents neither replied nor released the compensation

amount. Hence, on 10.01.2025, the petitioner made a detailed request to

the respondents to take appropriate steps to release the compensation.

However, no action has been taken to date. Hence, the petitioner is

before this Court.

3. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

4. Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, a

mandamus is issued to the respondents 1 and 2 to consider and pass

orders on the petitioner's representation dated 10.01.2025 on merits

and in accordance with law, within a period of one month from the date

of receipt of a copy of this order. Accordingly, this writ petition is

allowed. No costs.



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