



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 16-04-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE KRISHNAN RAMASAMY

**WP No. 29717 of 2023
and W.M.P.No.29324 of 2023**

N.Swapna B.Sc B.L
No 3 / 488, Rajeev Gandhi Street Mgr Nagar
Pullarambakkam Thiruvallur 602 023

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Secretary
District Legal Services Authority, District Court
Campus, Thiruvallur.
2. The Secretary
Tamilnadu State Legal Services Authority
A.D.R Building North Fort Road, High Court
Campus Chennai.
3. National Legal Services Authority,
B- Block, Ground Floor, Additional Building
Complex, Supreme Court Of India, New
Delhi-110 001.

(R3-suo Motu Impleaded As Per Order Dated
15.11.2023 In WP.No.29717/2023 By ASMJ)

..Respondent(s)

This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 12.08.2023.

For Petitioner(s):	Mr.A.M.Venkata Krishnan
For Respondent(s):	Mr. E.V. Chandru



ORDER

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This writ petition is filed to direct the respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioner's representation dated 12.08.2023.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner was appointed as a Retainer Lawyer under the Tele-Law Project by the District Legal Services Authority, Thiruvallur and had continuously rendered services during the relevant period. He further submitted that as per the guidelines issued by NALSA, the petitioner is entitled to a monthly remuneration of Rs.15,000/-. However, the petitioner was paid only partial amounts, which is contrary to the prescribed norms. The petitioner had diligently attended duties both online and physically at the front office of the DLSA, Thiruvallur, for a substantial number of working days, as reflected in the attendance records. Despite this, the remuneration paid was not in accordance with the applicable guidelines. Hence, the petitioner made representations dated 03.05.2023, 18.05.2023 and 12.08.2023 requesting proper calculation and payment of the fees based on actual working days and applicable norms. Though the same were received by the respondents, no effective action has been taken till date. Hence, this writ petition.



3. Learned counsel for the respondents would submit that the petitioner's representation dated 12.08.2023 will be considered within a period of 4 weeks.

4. Heard the learned counsel on either side and perused the materials available on record.

5. Considering the limited relief sought by the learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, directs the first respondent to dispose of the petitioner's representation dated 12.08.2023, on merits and in accordance with law, within a period of four (4) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the aforesaid direction, this writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected Miscellaneous Petition is closed.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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KRISHNAN RAMASAMY, J.

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To

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District Court Campus, Thiruvallur.

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