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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 30-10-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 43437 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012439112026}

V.Visalatchi
W/o.Late Vijayan,
No.1/413A, Virupatchipuram,
Kullanoor, Lakkiyampatti,
Dharmapuri Collectorate,
Dharmapuri District.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The District Manager
   Tamil Nadu Electricity Board,
   Dharmapuri,
   Dharmapuri District.

2. The Branch Manager
   Indian Overseas Bank,
   Lakkiyam patti,
   Dharmapuri District.

3. The HDFC Life Insurance
   Dharmapuri Branch,
   Dharmapuri District.

4. Pachiyammal
   W/o.Late Thangam,
   Suryanur Kattuvala Village,
   Mallikundham sub-district,
   Mettur Taluk,
   Salem District.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of mandamus, Directing Respondents 1 and 2 to consider the petitioner representation dated 08.09.2026 and 28.09.2026 disburse the

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service death benefits, insurance coverage amount, and teminal allowances of the deceased employee Late Vijayan in equal 1/3rd shares to the Petitioner, her minor son V.V.Kavin , and Smt.Pachiyammal, within a time-frame fixed by this Honourable Court, and pass.

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For Petitioner(s): Mr.T.Balachandran

For Respondent(s): Mr.M.Loganathan SC for TANDGO

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The petitioner herein who is the wife of one Mr.Vijayan, who worked as a lineman in Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, i.e., in the office of the Superintendent Engineer,TNEB, in Dharmapuri District and passed away on 10.07.2026. The dispute is now with regard to the terminal benefits of the said late Vijayan and the insurance amount in respect of the policy of the deceased Vijayan maintained with the 3rd respondent herein and also with regard to the amounts that are lying to the credit of bank account of the petitioner's husband deceased Vijayan maintained with the 2nd respondent herein. Insofar as the claim in respect of the insurance amount and the amounts that are lying to the credit of the salary account of the deceased Vijayan are concerned, the same is required to be pursued independently by all the legal heirs of late Mr.Vijayan. Insofar as release of terminal benefits of deceased Vijayan are concerned, according to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the petitioner and the 4th respondent i.e., mother of the deceased late Vijayan, have came to an

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understanding to receive the terminal benefits at the rate of 1/3rd each i.e., 1/3rd for petitioner and 4th respondent each and 1/3rd for the minor son of the petitioner herein and accordingly it is stated that they have entered into an agreement on 20.08.2026.

2.Mr.M.Loganathan, learned Standing Counsel appearing for Tamil Nadu Electricity Board fairly submits that there is no dispute about the status of the petitioner and respondent No.4 and by virtue of the legal heir certificate dated 07.08.2026, issued by the Competent Authority, the petitioner herein, her minor son and the 4th respondent herein are entitled to receive 1/3rd of the terminal benefits of deceased late Vijayan and he further submits that in case all the three of them approach the Superintendent Engineer, Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, Dharmapuri District, the amounts would be disbursed equally. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner and respondent No.4 have no dispute and both of them have agreed to receive 1/3rd each, and 1/3rd would be reserved for minor son of late Vijayan.

3. In the light of the above, this writ petition is disposed of permitting the petitioner and respondent No.4 to approach the Superintendent Engineer (TNEB) Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District for releasing the terminal benefit of late Vijayan with Employee ID.No.12015207 and once the petitioner and 4th respondent jointly approach the Superintendent Engineer, the terminal benefits

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of deceased late Vijayan shall be disbursed at the rate of 1/3rd each for the petitioner and the 4th respondent and the remaining 1/3rd amount is concerned the Superintendent Engineer (TNEB) Dharmapuri, Dharmapuri District, shall ensure that the same is deposited in an interest bearing account to be opened by thie petitioner in the name of minor son namely V.V.Kavin in a Nationalised Bank. The Superintendent Engineer shall ensure that the terminal benefits, as directed above, are disbursed as expeditiously as possible, at any rate within a period of six weeks from the date the petitioner and respondent No.4 approaches him. The amount lying in the savings bank account maintained by the deceased with the 2nd respondent and the insurance policy bearing No.078501000008450 is concerned the petitioner and 4th respondent are granted liberty to approach the respective respondents i.e., respondents 2 and 3 and make a claim and take steps for receiving the benefits thereon in accordance with law.

4.Accordingly, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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