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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-11-2026

Case QR

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 46021 of 2026

CNR: {HCMA012694292026}

S.Chitra
W/o.Dr.I.Sundar,
No.1, Selvaraj Nagar,
Ammapettai, Kadavacheri,
Cuddalore – 608401.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The State Of Tamil Nadu
   Rep. by Secretary to Government,
   Finance Department,
   Fort St.George, Chennai 9

2. The Syndicate of Annamalai University
   Rep. by its Secretary,
   Annamalai University,
   Annamalai Nagar,
   Chidambaram

3. The Registrar
   Annamalai University,
   Annamalai Nagar,
   Chidambaram

4. The Deputy Director
   Local Fund Audit,
   Annamalai University,
   Annamalai Nagar,
   Chidambaram

5. The Finance Committee of Annamalai
   University, Rep. by its Secretary,
   Annamalai University,
   Annamalai Nagar,
   Chidambaram

..Respondent(s)

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Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to release petitioner's deceased husband Mr. Dr. I.Sundar's 100 percent of pensionary benefits including, Family Pension, Gratuity, Surrendered earned leave salary and 100 percent commutation with interest of 12 percent per annum, from the date of his death till the date of realization.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.M.Muruganantham

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.Vigneswaran,
Additional Government Pleader For R1
Mr.S.Venkatesh, Standing Counsel
for M/s. Ajmal Associates for R2 to R5.

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to release petitioner's deceased husband Mr. Dr. I.Sundar's 100 percent of pensionary benefits, including Family Pension, Gratuity, Surrendered earned leave salary and 100 percent commutation with interest of 12 percent per annum, from the date of his death till the date of realization.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.C.Vigneshwaran**,** learned Additional Government Pleader for respondent No.1 and Mr.S.Venkatesh, learned Standing Counsel for respondent Nos.2 to 5.

3. Despite the fact that the petitioner's husband died while in service on 23.06.2019, while working as Reader, the terminal benefits to which he was

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entitled have not been disbursed till date, which necessitated the petitioner, being his wife, to approach this Court by filing the present writ petition.

4. It is not in dispute that there are no disciplinary proceedings or charges that are pending against the petitioner's husband either as on the date of his death. Absolutely, there is no reason forthcoming from the respondent University in not disbursing the terminal benefits payable to the petitioner's husband, except the financial crunch.

5. The learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos.2 to 5 also submits that, as and when the amounts are sanctioned by the respondent No.1, the terminal benefits of the petitioner would be released.

6. Though there appears to be some dispute with regard Career Progression in the respondent University, and litigation has cropped up challenging the Resolution No.9 dated 24.12.2020 passed by the Syndicate of the respondent University, the entire litigation has rendered in favour of the employees in W.A.Nos.150 of 2025 and batch dated 17.02.2025 and W.A.Nos.645 and 386 of 2025 dated 25.03.2025. Therefore, the said dispute cannot be a ground for not disbursing the terminal benefits payable to the petitioner's deceased husband. In the circumstances, this Court is of the considered view that there is absolutely no justification on the part of the

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respondents for not disbursing the terminal benefits payable to the petitioner's deceased husband, who died while in service on 23.06.2019.

7. In the light of the above, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondents to disburse the terminal benefits that are due and payable to the petitioner's deceased husband as expeditiously as possible at any rate within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. The right of the petitioner to claim interest on the belated payment of terminal benefits is left open to be agitated by the petitioner independently.

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