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W.A.(MD)Nos.503 OF 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 05.06.2026

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN

AND

THE HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE R.POORNIMA

W.A.(MD)No.503 of 2024

X.Arul Mary

... Appellant / Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Senior Divisional Manager,
Life Insurance Corporation of India,
Divisional Office, Jeevan Prakash,
16, Bridge Station Road,
Sellur,
Madurai – 625 002.

2. X.Arul Mary

... Respondents/ Respondents

Prayer: Writ appeal filed under Clause 15 of the Letters Patent, to set aside the impugned order dated 23.12.2022 made in W.P.(MD) No.28522 of 2022 on the file of this Court confirming the order of the first respondent dated 04.07.2022 and allow the writ appeal.

For Appellant : Mr.A.Sivasubramanian

For Respondents : Mr.G.Prabhurajadurai for R-1.
Mr.B.S.Sundarpandian for R-2.

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ORDER**(Order of the Court was delivered by G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.)**

The unsuccessful writ petitioner is the appellant before us. The appellant's son Stephen got married to the second respondent herein. He was an LIC employee. He died on 09.05.2022. Stephen had nominated his mother and his wife to share the Gratuity and PF benefits equally. Since the dispute arose between the appellant on the one hand and her daughter-in-law, the management did not release the benefits. Challenging the stand of the management, the appellant filed W.P.(MD)No.28522 of 2022. The learned single Judge took note of the fact and held that since the appellant's daughter-in-law had filed S.O.P.No.215 of 2022 on the file of the Principal District Judge, Madurai, they have to work out their rights only in the said proceedings. In that way, the relief was denied in the writ proceedings. Challenging the same, this writ appeal has been filed.

2.The learned counsel for the management admitted before us that the employee had made it clear that his mother and his wife would share the Gratuity and PF benefits equally. When the deceased



had clearly nominated in that regard, the management cannot withhold the monetary benefits.

3. We set aside the order passed by the learned single Judge as well as the order impugned in the writ petition. The management is directed to settle the benefits to the appellant(mother) as well as the second respondent(wife) respectively as nominated by the deceased. This shall be done within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. This writ appeal stands allowed accordingly. No costs.

(G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.) & (R.POORNIMA, J.)

5th June 2026

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