



WP(MD). No.23986 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 08/04/2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP(MD). Nos.23986 of 2024 and 4590 of 2026

In WP(MD)No.23986 of 2024:

Ajmeer Khan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Joint Registrar of the Co-operative Societies,
Office of Joint Registrar of the Co-operative Societies,
Theni Region,Collectorate Campus,Theni.

2. The Deputy Registrar of the Co-Operative Societies,
Office of Deputy Registrar of the Co-Operative Societies,
Periyakulam Circle,Theni District.

3. A1171 Allinagaram Primary Agricultural
Co-Operative Credit Society,
Represented by its Sub Registrar/ Administrator,
Allinagaram Post,Theni.

... Respondents

PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the Respondents to pay the retirement benefits such as Provident Fund Contribution, Gratuity and Surrender Leave to the petitioner and other monetary benefits based on the petitioner's representation dated 12.06.2024 and 09.08.2024 within stipulated time fixed by this Court.



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In WP(MD). No.4590 of 2026:

Radha M,

... Petitioner

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PRAYER:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to disburse all the retirement benefits such as Provident Fund Contribution, Gratuity and Surrender Leave to the petitioner based on the petitioner's representations dated 12.01.2026 within stipulated time fixed by this Court.

In both petitions:

For Petitioner : Mr.S.M.Mohan Gandhi

For Respondents : Mr.S.Shaji Bino

Special Government Pleader

COMMON ORDER

These writ petitions have been filed by the employees, who have retired from the third respondent Society seeking a writ of mandamus directing the third respondent to pay the retirement benefits such as



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Provident Fund contribution, Gratuity and Surrender Leave to the petitioners together with other monetary benefits by considering their representations submitted by the respective petitioners.

2. When the matters came up for consideration on 07.04.2026, it was brought to the notice of this Court by Mr. Shaji Bino, learned Special Government Pleader that in an identical circumstances, a Division Bench of this Court held that the writ petition seeking for payment of terminal benefits is not maintainable against the petitioners Society in W.A(MD)No.1885 of 2025 by order dated 28.08.2025. In the light of the same, the matters are listed today for further consideration.

3. Today, the learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the right to life of the petitioners guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India is affected. This Court is unable to agree with the said contention for the simple reason that the petitioners are having an efficacious alternative remedy under Section 153 of Tamil Nadu Cooperative Societies Act, 1983, before the first respondent, Joint Registrar of the Co-operative Societies for redressal of the grievance which is sought to be agitated in these writ petitions. Following the decision of the Hon'ble Division Bench referred to above, this Court is not inclined to entertain these writ petitions at this stage .



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4. However, this Court, taking into consideration the fact that the petitioners have already retired from service and they have not received the terminal benefits, deems it appropriate to permit the petitioners to file a revision petition before the first respondent for redressal of their grievance within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. In case, if the petitioners choose to file any revisions under Section 153 of the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Societies Act within the time stipulated above, the first respondent, the Joint Registrar shall take up the same on file and pass appropriate orders after conducting necessary enquiry, as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of eight weeks from the date of filing of the revision petition by the petitions.

5. Accordingly, both the writ petitions are disposed of. No costs.

08.04.2026

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