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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 18-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

WP No. 46867 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012766842026}

Dr.M.S.Kalavathi

Case QR

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Higher Education Department, Fort St. George, Chennai

2. The Syndicate of Annamalai University Rep. By Its Secretary, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Cuddalore District

3. The Registrar, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Cuddalore District

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

5. The Finance Committee of Annamalai University Rep. by Its Secretary, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Chidambaram, Cuddalore District

..Respondent(s)

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus, directing the Respondents to release the pensionary benefits to the petitioner including Gratuity, surrendered earned leave, unearned leave on private affairs, commutation of pension, commutation and 7th Pay Commission

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arrears with interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum, from the date of his retirement till the date of realisation within a period as may be stipulated by this Honourable Court by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 27.03.2025.

For Petitioner(s): A.S.Kaizer

For Respondent(s): Mr.S.Ranjith Kumar,
Additional Government Pleader (For R1)

Mr.S.Venkatesh for M/s.Ajmal Associates
(For R2 to R5)

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to release the pensionary benefits to the petitioner including Gratuity, surrendered earned leave, unearned leave on private affairs, commutation of pension, commutation and 7th Pay Commission arrears with interest at the rate of 12% per annum, from the date of his retirement till the date of realisation.

2. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr.S.Ranjith Kumar, learned Additional Government Pleader for the first respondent and Mr.S.Venkatesh for M/s.Ajmal Associates learned counsel for respondents 2 to 5.

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3. Despite the fact that the petitioner retired from service as early as on 30.06.2019, while working as Professor, the terminal benefits for which the petitioner is entitled have not been disbursed till date, which necessitated the petitioner 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 either as on the date of her retirement or as on date. Absolutely, there is no reason forthcoming from the respondent University in not disbursing the terminal benefits of the petitioner, except the financial crunch.

5. The learned counsel appearing for respondents 2 to 5 also submits that, as and when the amounts are sanctioned by the first respondent, 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 of the petitioner. In

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the circumstances, this Court is of the considered view that there is absolutely no justification on the part of the respondents for not disbursing the terminal benefits of the petitioner, who retired from service on 30.06.2019.

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 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. No costs. Connected miscellaneous petitions, if any, shall stand closed.

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