



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Local Self Government Department – Cochin Municipal Corporation – Smt. Remadevi @ Rema Suresh, Sanitation Worker – Request for continuation in service up to the age of 70 years or for reckoning prior CLR/daily wage service for pensionary benefits – Judgment dated 17.03.2026 of the Hon’ble High Court of Kerala in WP(C) No.39502/2025 – Compliance of the judgment – Orders issued.

Local Self Government(EU) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.1560/2026/LSGD
2026

Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 20-08-

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- Read 1 Resolution No. 62 dated 06/02/2021 of the Council of Kochi Municipal Corporation.
- 2 Judgment dated 17.03.2026 of the Hon’ble High Court of Kerala in W.P.(C) No.39502/2025.
- 3 Letter No.LSGD/PD/9024/2026-LL4 dated 07/05/2026 of Principal Director,Local Self Government Department.

ORDER

Smt. Remadevi @ Rema Suresh, Sanitation Worker in the Cochin Municipal Corporation, filed W.P.(C) No.39502/2025 before the Hon’ble High Court of Kerala seeking a direction to the Government and the Cochin Municipal Corporation to permit her to continue in service up to the age of 70 years or to reckon her prior service as a CLR worker for the purpose of pensionary benefits.

2.The Hon’ble High Court, vide the Judgement 2nd paper read above, directed the first respondent, Secretary, Local Self Government Department, to consider the Exhibit P3 representation submitted by the petitioner and take an appropriate decision thereon before 31.05.2026.

3.In compliance with the above direction, Smt. Remadevi @ Rema Suresh was heard in person on 07.05.2026. During the hearing, she reiterated her requests for continuation in service up to the age of 70 years or for reckoning her prior CLR service for pensionary benefits. The report furnished by the Principal Director, Local Self Government Department, vide the 3rd paper read above, as well as the report furnished by the Secretary, Cochin Municipal Corporation, were also examined.

4.It has been reported that the petitioner was initially engaged as a

temporary Casual Labour Reserve (CLR) worker in the Cochin Municipal Corporation and was subsequently appointed as a Sanitation Worker on regular basis. Pursuant to the judgment in W.P.(C) No.6268/2009 and G.O. (Rt) No.2569/2009/LSGD dated 07.10.2009, a priority list of 770 persons who had worked as temporary CLR workers in the Corporation up to 31.08.2009 was prepared, and appointments were made from the said list as and when vacancies arose. In respect of the remaining 38 candidates in the said list, the Council of the Cochin Municipal Corporation vide the 1st paper read above, resolved to grant temporary appointments subject to the final judgment in W.P.(C) No.34872/2019. The petitioner was included as the fourth candidate in the said list and was subsequently appointed as Sanitation Worker (Category II) in the scale of pay of ₹17,000–37,500 (PR), as per order dated 22.02.2021 issued by the Secretary, Cochin Municipal Corporation.

5.As per G.O.(Ms) No.127/2000/LSGD dated 04.05.2000, issued in connection with the revision of pay of contingent employees in Municipalities, contingent posts are classified into Category I (Skilled Workers) and Category II (Sanitation Workers). The petitioner was appointed as a Sanitation Worker under Category II. Therefore, she is not a Part-Time Contingent Sanitation Worker as claimed by her.

6.The retirement age applicable to contingent employees in Municipalities is 60 years. The petitioner was initially engaged temporarily for ensuring uninterrupted sanitation services in the Corporation and was granted regular appointment only with effect from 22.02.2021. As per Rule 4, Part III of the Kerala Service Rules, service rendered by employees engaged on contract or daily wage basis for specific work is not reckoned for pensionary benefits.

7.Government have examined the matter in detail. In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, the request of Smt. Remadevi @ Rema Suresh in Exhibit P3 representation to permit her to continue in service up to the age of 70 years or to reckon her prior temporary CLR/daily wage service along with regular contingent service for pensionary benefits is hereby rejected.

8.The Judgment read 2nd paper above is accordingly complied with.

(By order of the Governor)
ANJALY DEVI A G
UNDER SECRETARY

To:

The Advocate General, Kerala, Ernakulam (with covering letter).

The Principal Director, Local Self Government Department,
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Secretary, Cochin Municipal Corporation.

Smt. Remadevi @ Rema Suresh, Sanitation Worker, Cochin Municipal
Corporation. (Through the Principal Director, Local Self Government
Department, Thiruvananthapuram)

The Director, Kerala State Audit Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director, Information Kerala Mission, Thiruvananthapuram (for
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