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The Madras High Court has ruled that a stepson cannot claim family pension under the Railway Services (Pension) Rules, 1993, holding that the benefit is available only to individuals who fall within the statutory definition of "family" prescribed under the Rules. A Division Bench comprising Justices S.M. Subramaniam and N. Senthilkumar overturned an order of the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) that had directed the grant of family pension to the...

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