

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.07.2016

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE B.RAJENDRAN

W.P.No.26387 of 2016

M.Devadoss

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Salem) Ltd.,

Head Office, Salem Division,
12, Ramakrishna Road,
Salem - 636 007.

... Respondent

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to settle the retirement benefits of the petitioner, i.e. Gratuity Rs.7,00,000/-, Pension Commutation Rs.6,00,000/-, Labour Fund Rs.1,00,000/-, Earned Leave benefits Rs.20,000/- and Provident Fund Rs.3,00,000/- with interest at 18% p.a. from the date of retirement i.e. 31.07.2015 till the date of disbursement.

For Petitioner : Mr.T.P.Kathiravan

For Respondent : Mr.P.Paramasivadoss
Standing Counsel

ORDER

By consent, this Writ Petition is taken up and disposed of at the stage of admission itself.

2. The petitioner joined the service of the Transport Corporation and he retired from service on 31.07.2015. The grievance of the petitioner is that though he retired from service on 31.07.2015, till date, he was not paid with the retirement benefits. In this regard, the petitioner submitted representations before the respondent on 02.05.2016 and 28.05.2016, but, till date, there is no response. Hence, the present Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, brought to the notice of this Court the common judgment, dated 12.06.2015, passed by the Madurai Bench of this Court in W.A. (MD) Nos.383 to 457 of 2015, wherein under similar circumstances, the Transport Corporation undertook to pay the amount due and payable to the petitioners therein in twelve equal monthly instalments. He would further submit that following the same, this Court has passed similar orders in several Writ Petitions. Accordingly, he would pray that a similar order may be passed in this Writ Petition also.

4. The learned Standing Counsel, who took notice on behalf of the respondent, would affirm that the issue involved in this Writ Petition is squarely covered by the judgment passed by the Madurai Bench of this Court in W.A.(MD) Nos.383 to 457 of 2015, dated 12.06.2015 and the relevant portion of the said judgment reads as follows:-

"2. The said statement is thus taken on records and the respondents will be bound by the same. We have to keep in mind the judicial pronouncement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in D.D.Tewari (D)through LRS. Vs. Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd and Others (2014 (9) SCALE -78), wherein it is held that in case of any delay in making the payment of the instalments, the interest payable would become 18% p.a., for the delayed period apart from any other remedy which may be available to the appellants for non-compliance of undertaking given to this Court.

3. The instalments to be paid from July 2015 and each instalments should be paid on or before 7th of each month."

5. Considering the fact that the issue involved in this Writ Petition is squarely covered by the orders passed by this Court in similar circumstances, without going into the merits of the matter, the respondent is directed to disburse the aforementioned retiral benefits to the petitioner herein in twelve equal monthly instalments, in the light of the common judgment passed by this Court in W.A.(MD) Nos.383 to 457 of 2015 (K.Rajendran & Others vs. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited, rep. by its Managing Director, Madurai and others), dated 12.06.2015. It is also made clear that the first instalment shall commence from 15.11.2016.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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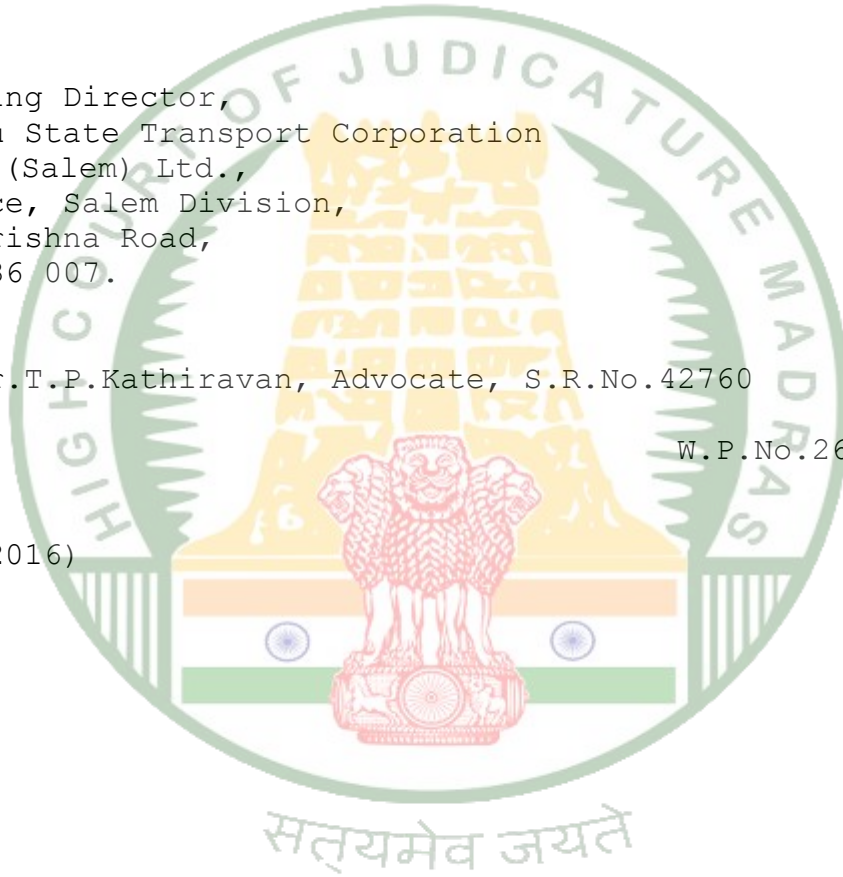
To

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+lcc to Mr.T.P.Kathiravan, Advocate, S.R.No.42760

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