



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 20.07.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE T.RAJA

W.P (MD) No.12215 of 2016

K.B.Shanthi

... Petitioner

vs.

1)The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited,
Represented by its Managing Director,
Bye Pass Road,
Madurai-625 016.

2)The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle terminal benefits of the petitioner's husband Late.K.R.Balaraman to her including gratuity, pension arrears and provident fund amount together with interest at the rate of 18% per annum payable from the date of retirement of her husband from the service of the 1st respondent corporation to till the date on which the above benefits are settled to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Rahul
For Respondents : Mr.A.Jeyaram

ORDER

The petitioner is the wife of the deceased employee Late.K.R.Balaraman who was employed as a Conductor at SIPCOT Branch of the 1st respondent transport corporation. He unfortunately died on 24.08.2015 due to illness, therefore, the petitioner being a legal heir has come to this Court seeking disbursement of the retirement benefits due to her husband.



2. When the matter is taken up for hearing, Mr. A. Jeyaram, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents submitted that the issue is covered by a judgment of a Division Bench of this Court in W.A.(MD).Nos.383 to 457 of 2015 dated 12.06.2015. He has further submitted that the respondents would consider the request of the petitioner in the light of the judgment passed by the Honourable Division Bench.

3. For ready reference, the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench in W.A.(MD).Nos.383 to 457 of 2015 dated 12.06.2015 is extracted hereunder:

"The learned Additional Advocate General submits that he has obtained written instructions vide letter No.7945/E/2015-2 dated 11.06.2015 that the terminal benefits of the appellants would be settled through twelve equal monthly installments, carrying interest of 6% p.a.

2. The said statement is thus taken on record and the respondents will be bound by the same, we have to keep in mind the judicial pronouncement of the Honourable Supreme Court in D.D. TEWARI (D) THR. LRS. Vs. UTTAR HARYANA BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD & ORS {2014 (9) SCALE - 78}, wherein it is held that in case of any delay in making the payment of the installments, 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 installments to be paid from July 2015 and each installment should be paid on or before 7th of each month"

4. Following the judgment of the Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court referred to above, the respondents are directed to pay the retirement benefits due and payable to the petitioner's husband in 12 equal monthly installments commencing from 10th August, 2016. Further, if there are settlements or awards, the Corporation is obliged to take the same into account while arriving at the figure. It is needless to mention that the entire arrears shall carry interest at the rate of 6% per annum. In case of delay in making installments, the interest payable could be 18% for the delayed period.

5. The aforesaid direction to settle the terminal benefits would not preclude the workman to question the computation of any of the terminal benefits, if the same is paid lesser than the amount to which, the petitioner's husband is entitled to receive. Likewise, if the petitioner has any grievance that her husband is entitled to interest for the amount already settled, she can agitate the same as per law, if her husband is entitled to.



6. Learned counsel for the respondents/Transport Corporation says that against certain employees, there are recoveries from them. So, the above payment may be made subject to recoveries, if any, from the employees. The petitioner is also agreeable for the same.

With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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+1cc to Mr.A.RAHUL, ADVOCATE IN SR.NO. 38320

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