



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
DATED : 02.09.2016
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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE T. RAJA

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W.P (MD) .No.16720 of 2016
and
W.M.P (MD) No.12155 of 2016

M. Francis Selvaraj

... Petitioner

Vs

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep. by its Secretary,
Department of Transport,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

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

3. The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Tirunelveli) Limited, Vannarapettai
Tirunelveli District - 627 003.

4. The Chief Accounts Officer,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation,
(Tirunelveli) Ltd., Tirunelveli District.

5. The General Manager,
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation
(Tirunelveli) Limited, Nagercoil Zone,
Ranithottam, Nesamani Nagar,
Nagercoil-6219 001, Kanyakumari District.

6. The Assistant Manager (Accounts)
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation,
(Tirunelveli) Ltd., Nagercoil - 629 001.
Kanyakumari District.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to disburse forthwith the retirement benefits such as Dearness Allowance arrears, Increments from May 2014 and 240 days Earned Leave benefits at the time of retirement (30.06.2014) on the basis of the 12th Pay Settlement. In addition to that the petitioner also entitled to receive 30 days



deducted Earned Leave Benefits (for the year November 2010 & June 2011) while he was in service and legally entitled with interest.

For petitioner : Mr.T.Cibi Chakraborty
For Respondents : Mr.T.R.Janarthanam
Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1.
Mr.A.P.Muthupandian for R2
Mr.K.Sathiyasingh for R3 to R6

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ORDER

The petitioner was an employee of the respondents Transport Corporation. Seeking his retirement benefits, he has filed the present Writ Petition.

2. When the matter is taken up for hearing, 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, dated 12.06.2015, passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench in W.A.(MD).Nos.383 to 457 of 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 amount due to the petitioner in 12 equal monthly installments commencing from 1st October, 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 would 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, he is entitled to receive. Likewise, if the petitioner has any grievance that he is entitled to interest for the amount already settled, he can agitate the same as per law, if he is entitled to.

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

7. With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petition is closed.

Sd/
Assistant Registrar(Crl.Side)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The Secretary, State of Tamil Nadu,
Department of Transport,
Fort St. George,
Chennai - 600 009.

+1cc to M/S.K.Sathiya Singh, Advocate in SR.No.49963.

+1cc to M/S.T.Cibi Chakraborty, Advocate in SR.No.50107.

+1cc to Special Government Pleader
Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai in SR.No.50198.

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