



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 05.12.2016

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE R.SURESH KUMAR

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W.P(MD) No.23630 of 2016

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Management of
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Coimbatore)
Limited,
Erode Region,
represented by its Managing Director,
Erode.
2. The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Employees' Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Anna Salai,
Chennai-2.
3. The Branch Manager,
Karur Branch of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Coimbatore) Limited,
Erode Region,
Karur.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to pay the petitioner Rs.7,22,739/- towards gratuity, Rs.6,01,618/- towards leave salary, Rs.50,000/- towards social security scheme benefit and Rs.5,000/- towards refundable deposits payable for the services of her husband/deceased employee K.P.Krishnan, Staff No.88AD2J/00878, together with 18% interest per annum and further directing the first and second respondents to pay her arrears of pension for the period from the month of February 2016 to June 2016 together with 18% interest per annum, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For R1 and R3 : Mr.K.Sathiya Singh
Standing Counsel for TNSTC
For R2 : Mr.A.P.Muthupandian
Standing Counsel for TNSTC

O R D E R

The prayer in the writ petition is for a Writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to pay Rs.7,22,739/- to the petitioner towards gratuity, Rs.6,01,618/- towards leave salary, Rs.50,000/- towards social security scheme benefit and Rs.5,000/- towards refundable deposits payable for the services of her husband/deceased employee K.P.Krishnan, Staff No.88AD2J/00878, together with 18% interest per annum and further, directing the first and second respondents to pay her husband's arrears of pension for the period from the month of February 2016 to June 2016 together with 18% interest per annum, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

2. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would contend that the prayer sought for in the writ petition can be considered by this Court as the issue has already been raised and decided by this Court in a batch of writ petitions and according to him, this writ petition is covered by the said decisions. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would rely upon the decision of this Court made in *W.P.(MD).No.20945 of 2016* dated 01.11.2016 in the matter of *J.Vincent Raj vs. the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited*.

3. The learned Standing counsel appearing for the respondents would contend that the issue raised in the writ petition is covered by the said decision of this Court and in number of cases orders were issued, directing the respondents to settle the terminal benefits of the employees.

4. This Court has considered the submissions made by the respective learned counsel for the parties and perused the order dated 01.11.2016 made in *W.P.(MD).No.20945 of 2016*, wherein this Court has passed the following order:

"4. In these circumstances, this writ petition is disposed of with the following directions:-

i) A direction is issued to the transport corporation to settle the terminal benefits of the petitioner that are yet to be settled, in twelve equal monthly installments;

ii) The first installment shall commence by making payment on or before the First week of January, 2017 and the amount in each of the remaining instalments shall be paid on or before 10th of every succeeding month;

iii) The said terminal amount shall carry interest @ 6% per annum, as per the Division Bench judgment referred to above. In case of delay in making installments, the amount payable could be 18% for the delayed period;

(iv) 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. No costs."

5. The learned Standing counsel appearing for the respondents would contend that the first installment as per clause (ii) of the aforesaid order shall commence in this case, only in the month of February 2017.

6. In view of the said submissions as well as the order cited supra, the same order is passed in this case also with the following directions:

i) A direction is issued to the Transport Corporation to settle the terminal benefits of the petitioner's husband that are yet to be settled, in twelve equal monthly installments;

ii) The first installment shall commence by making payment on or before the First week of February, 2017 and the amount in each of the remaining installments shall be paid on or before 10th of every succeeding month;

iii) The said terminal amount shall carry interest @ 6% per annum, as per the Division Bench judgment referred to above. In case of delay in making installments, the interest payable could be 18% for the delayed period;

(iv) 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.

7. With these directions, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub-Assistant Registrar

To

1. The Managing Director, Management of
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Erode Region, Erode.
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