



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 03.03.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA

Writ Petition (MD) No.4315 of 2016

N.Rajendran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The State of Tamil Nadu,
rep by its Secretary to Government,
Transport Department and Chairman of
Board of Directors of
State Transport Undertakings,
Fort St., George, Chennai 9.
2. The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd,
represented by its Managing Director,
Kumbakonam.
3. The General Manager,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd,
Kumbakonam Region,
Kumbakonam.
4. The Administrator,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar House, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai 600 002.

... Respondents

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to settle the petitioners retirement benefits including Gratuity commuted value of pension Earned Leave Salary with enhanced dearness allowance fixed by the Government of Tamil Nadu applicable on the date of his retirement and dearness allowance arrears on his monthly pension as revised and increased from time to time together with interest at the rate of 18% per annum from the date of his retirement to till the date of settlement within the time that may be stipulated by this Hon'ble Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Rahul
For 1st Respondent : Mr.R.Anand Raj,
Government Advocate.
For Respondents 2-4 : Mr.D.Sivaraman,
Standing Counsel.

**ORDER**

The prayer in the writ petition is to direct the respondents to pay retirement benefits with interest to the petitioner.

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3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, Mr. D. Sivaraman, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents has submitted that the issue is covered by a judgment, passed by the Honourable Division Bench 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 petitioners in the light of the judgment passed by the Honourable Division Bench.

4. 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 as follows:

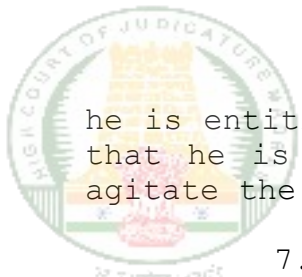
"The learned Additional Advocate General submits that he has obtained written instructions vide letter No. 7945/E/2015-2 dated 11.06.2015 that the terminal benefits of the appellants would be settled through twelve equal monthly instalments, carrying interest of 6% p.a.

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 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 instalment should be paid on or before 7th of each month"

5. 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 installments commencing from 10th April 2016. 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.

6. 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.

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

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Assistant Registrar (P&A)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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+ 1 CC TO MR.D.SIVARAMAN, ADVOCATE IN SR NO. 12405
+ 1 CC TO SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER IN SR NO. 12432
+ 1 CC TO MR.A.RAHUL, ADVOCATE IN SR NO. 12203

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