



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 09.03.2016

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THE HONOURABLE MRS. JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA

W.P (MD) No. 4773 of 2016

S. Haridhas

... 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 (Madurai) Ltd.,
Represented by its Managing Director,
Kumbakonam.

3. The General Manager,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Madurai) Ltd.,
Kumbakonam Region,
Kumbakonam.

4. The Administrator,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar House,
Pallavan Salai
Chennai - 600 002.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay all the terminal benefits payable to the petitioner including gratuity, commuted value of pension, leave salary and also the pay revision in terms of the settlement under Section 12(3) of the Industrial Disputes Act, dated 13.04.2015 with enhanced dearness allowance fixed by the Government of Tamil Nadu 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 payment within the time that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner

: Mr. A. Rahul

For R-1

: Mr. T. R. Janarthanam,

Additional Government Pleader

For R-2 to R-4

: Mr. D. Sivaraman

**ORDER**

The petitioner was employed as Driver in the respondent transport corporation and he retired from service on 30.06.2014 on reaching the age of superannuation.

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2.He has filed this writ petition seeking for a direction to the respondents to pay the retirement benefits.

3.The First Bench of this Court in similar matter has passed an order dated 12.06.2015 in W.A(MD)Nos.383 to 457 of 2015, issuing direction to the transport corporations to settle the terminal benefits of its employees in 12 equal monthly installments and to pay 6% interest on the terminal benefits payable to the workman. The Bench has also held that workman is entitled to 18% interest for the defaulted period of installments.

4.In these circumstances, the 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 monthly installments.

(ii)The first installment shall commence by making payment on or before 10.04.2016 and the amount in each of the remaining installments shall be paid on or before 10th day 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.

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.

6. The learned counsel for the respondent Corporation says that against certain employees, there are recoverables from them. So, the above payment may be made subject to recoverables from the employees. The petitioner is also agreeable for the same. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

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+1 cc to MR.A.RAHUL, ADVOCATE, SR NO: 13520
+1 cc to MR.D.SIVARAMAN, ADVOCATE, SR NO:13386
+1cc to THE SPECIAL GOVERNMENT PLEADER, Sr.No: 13552

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