



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 25.04.2016

CORAM :

WEB COPY THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE PUSHPA SATHYANARAYANA

Writ Petition (MD) No.7823 of 2016

P.Rajalakshmi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Limited,
Railway Station Road,
Kumbakonam,Thanjavur District.

2.The General Manager
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,
Periyamilaguparai,Trichy -1.

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

... Respondents

PRAYER : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle payment of gratuity, earned leave, medical leave, commutation of pension and other retiral benefits payable to the petitioner with reasonable rate of interest within a stipulated time.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Sudhagar Nagaraj
For respondents : Mr.D.Sivaraman

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to pay retirement benefits along with interest to the petitioner.

2.It is stated that though the petitioner was allowed to retire from the service of the respondents, till date the respondents / Corporation did not settle the retirement benefits. Hence, the petitioner has given representations to settle the entire terminal benefits along with interest for the belated payment. As there was no response to the same, the petitioner has come up with the above writ petition.



3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, Mr. D. Sivaraman, 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.

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 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"

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 monthly installments commencing from 10th June, 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.

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, she is entitled to receive. Likewise, if the petitioner has any grievance that she is entitled to interest for the amount already settled, she can agitate the same as per law, if she is entitled to.



7.The learned counsel for the respondents/Transport 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.

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

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar (W)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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