

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 27.02.2017

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.SATHYANARAYANAN

W.P.No.79 of 2017

R.Elangovan

.. Petitioner

Vs

1.The Principal Secretary to Government,
Transport Department,
Fort St. George, Chennai - 600 009.

2.The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd.,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai- 600 002. ... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the 2nd respondent to disburse the retirement benefits, viz., Earned Leave Surrender Salary amount of Rs.6,20,000/- settlement arrears amount of Rs.15,000/- and Social Security Scheme Amount of Rs.20,000/- the total comes to Rs.6,55,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand only) with 18% interest on delayed payment to the petitioner the Senior Tradesman Staff No.TO 8299 who has retired from service on 31.05.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Veerasekaran

For Respondents : Mr.K.Venkataramani,
Additional Advocate General,
Assisted by Mr.K.Dhananjayan,
Special Government Pleader for R1
Mr.P.Kannankumar for R2.

ORDER

By consent, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal.

2. The petitioner joined the services of the then Pallavan Transport Corporation Ltd., on 08.06.1982 and after amalgamation, it became Metropolitan Transport Corporation

(Chennai) Ltd., and the service of the petitioner got absorbed to the said corporation. The petitioner would further state that after completing 34 years of service, he was upgraded as Senior Tradesman on 01.09.2006 and retired from service on 31.05.2016. The grievance expressed by the petitioner is that though he is entitled to get various retiral/terminal benefits such as EL Surrender Salary, Settlement Arrears and Social Security/Scheme Amount, the same have not been settled and hence, the petitioner came forward to file the present writ petition.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would submit that a similar issue arose for consideration before a Division Bench of this Court in WA[MD] No.383 to 457/2015 [K.Rajendran and others Vs. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation, Madurai Limited rep. by the Managing Director, Madurai-10 and others] and the Division Bench, vide judgment dated 12.06.2015, has ordered the amounts to be paid in twelve equal monthly instalments with an interest @ 6% per annum and also with a default interest and prays for similar orders.

4. Heard the submissions of Mr.K.Venkataramani, learned Additional Advocate General assisted by Mr.K.Dhananjayan, learned Special Government Pleader, who accepts notice on behalf of the first respondent and Mr.P.Kannankumar, learned Standing counsel who accepts notice on behalf of the second respondent.

5. This Court has taken into consideration the said judgment and also the stand of the respondents including the Administrative Department in its order dated 19.01.2017 made in WP.No.42555/2016 [A.Annamalai Vs. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Limited, Salem and others] and issued necessary directions and for the purpose of disposal of the cases, it is relevant to extract the common judgment made in the above cited writ appeal :-

"The learned Additional Advocate General submits that he has obtained written instructions vide letter No.7945/B/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. Utta Haryana Bujli Vitran Nigam Limited & Ors [2014 (e) 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 instalments to be paid from July 2015 and each instalments should be paid on or before 7th of each month.

4. The Writ Appeals are disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed."

6. In the light of the above facts and circumstances, the respondents are directed to settle the retiral/terminal benefits to the petitioner in twelve equal monthly installments commencing from 1st June, 2017 bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum and in the event of default, the interest payable will become 18% per annum. The respondents, apart from paying arrears of pension, shall also continue to pay the pension amount due and payable to the petitioner without any default.

7. The writ petition stands disposed of with the above direction. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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2.The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd.,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai- 600 002.

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+1cc to Mr.D. Veerasekran, Advocate, S.R.No.12455
+1cc to the Government Pleader, S.R.No.13057

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