

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED 02.06.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE T.RAJA

W.P. Nos.12562 to 12565 of 2017

W.P.No.12562 of 2017

V.Chandrasekaran

.. Petitioner

Vs.

M/s.State Express Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

.. Respondent

PRAYER : Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to settle the terminal benefits of the petitioner, gratuity amount of Rs.6,50,000/-, surrender of earned leave of 16 days amount of Rs.18,000/-, commutation amount of Rs.3,25,000/-, Social Security Scheme amount of Rs.35,000/-, Erode Engineering College and Perundurai Medical College amount of Rs.4,500/- and altogether a sum of Rs.10,32,500/- with interest at the rate of 6% per annum by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 06.04.2017.

W.P.No.12563 of 2017

M.Asokan

.. Petitioner

Vs. सत्यमेव जयते

M/s.State Express Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

.. Respondent

PRAYER : Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to settle the terminal benefits of the petitioner, Social Security Scheme amount of Rs.30,000/-, Gratuity amount of Rs.10,00,000/-, surrender of earned leave of 105.5 days amount and Medical leave of 10 days amount of Rs.2,69,500/-, leave on private affairs amount of Rs.3,00,000/-, pension arrears amount

of Rs.25,000/-, Erode Engineering College and Perundurai Medical College amount of Rs.4,500/- and altogether a sum of Rs.16,29,000/- with interest at the rate of 6% per annum by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 24.04.2017.

W.P.No.12564 of 2017

K.N.Karunamoorthy

.. Petitioner

Vs.

M/s.State Express Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

.. Respondent

PRAYER : Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to settle the terminal benefits of the petitioner, surrender of earned leave of 84 days and Medical leave of 28 days amount of Rs.1,00,800/-, Erode Engineering College and Perundurai Medical College amount of Rs.2,500/- and altogether a sum of Rs.1,03,300/- with interest at the rate of 6% per annum by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 19.04.2017.

W.P.No.12565 of 2017

M.Balagangadharan

.. Petitioner

Vs.

M/s.State Express Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

.. Respondent

PRAYER : Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to settle the terminal benefits of the petitioner of commutation of pension amount of Rs.3,00,000/- with interest at the rate of 6% per annum by considering the representation of the petitioner dated 24.03.2017.

For Petitioners
[in all W.Ps.]

: Mr.D.Soundar Raj

For Respondent
[[in all W.Ps.]

: Mr.P.Kannan Kumar
Standing Counsel

C O M M O N O R D E R

By consent, these Writ Petitions are taken up and disposed of at the stage of admission itself.

2. The petitioners joined the services of the Transport Corporation and they retired from service on 29.02.2016; 28.02.2017; 31.03.2011 and 30.06.2016 respectively. The grievance of the petitioners is that though, they retired from service, till date, they were not paid with the retirement benefits. In this regard, the petitioners submitted representations before the respondent, on various dates. However, till date, there was no response. Aggrieved against the same, the present Writ Petitions were filed.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioners, brought to the notice of this Court the common judgment, dated 12.06.2015, passed by the Madurai Bench of this Court in W.A. (MD) Nos.383 to 457 of 2015, wherein under similar circumstances, the Transport Corporation undertook to pay the amount due and payable to the petitioners therein in twelve equal monthly instalments. He would further submit that following the same, this Court has passed similar orders in several Writ Petitions. Accordingly, he would pray that a similar order may be passed in these Writ Petitions also.

4. The learned Standing Counsel, who took notice on behalf of the respondent, would affirm that the issue involved in these Writ Petitions is squarely covered by the judgment passed by the Madurai Bench of this Court in W.A.(MD) Nos.383 to 457 of 2015, dated 12.06.2015 and the relevant portion of the said judgment reads as follows:-

"2. The said statement is thus taken on records and the respondents will be bound by the same. We have to keep in mind the judicial pronouncement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in D.D.Tewari (D)through LRS. Vs. Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd and Others (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 instalments should be paid on or before 7th of each month."

5. Considering the fact that the issue involved in these Writ Petitions is squarely covered by the orders passed by this Court in similar circumstances, without going into the merits of the matter, the Managing Director and General Manager of the respective Transport Corporation are directed to disburse the aforementioned retiral benefits to the petitioners herein in twelve equal monthly instalments, in the light of the common judgment passed by this Court in W.A.(MD) Nos.383 to 457 of 2015 (K.Rajendran & Others vs. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Limited, rep. by its Managing Director, Madurai and others), dated 12.06.2015. It is also made clear that the first instalment shall commence from first week of July 2017.

6. With the above direction, these Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To

The Managing Director,
M/s.State Express Transport Corporation Ltd.,
No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

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