

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED:10.02.2017

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.SATHYANARAYANAN

W.P.No.42879 of 2016

R.Marudachalam

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Petitioner

Vs

The Managing Director,
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation (CBE) Ltd.,
37, Mettupalayam Road,
Coimbatore-641 043.
Respondent

Prayer:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to pay the petitioner his retirement benefits with interest to the petitioner as per the petitioner's representation dated 18.10.2016.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Balasubramanian

For Respondent : Mr.K.Venkataramani,
Additional Advocate General,
assisted by
Mr.K.Dhananjayan, Special Govt. Pleader
and
Mr.P.Kannan Kumar
Standing Counsel for Transport Corporation

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

2. The petitioner retired from service as Special Grade Driver on 31.03.2014, after rendering 29 years of service in the respondent Transport Corporation. The grievance expressed by the petitioner is that though he has retired as early as on 31.03.2014, the retiral/terminal benefits such as Gratuity arrears, Leave Surrender Salary including Medical Leave, Dearness Allowance and Settlement Salary difference have not been settled. In this regard, the petitioner has also submitted a representation dated 18.10.2016 to the respondent and since no orders have been passed, he 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 Mr.K.Venkataramani, learned Additional Advocate General assisted by Mr.K.Dhananjayan, learned Special Govt. Pleader and Mr.P.Kannan Kumar, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent/Transport Corporation.

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 case, 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 respondent is directed to settle the retiral/terminal benefits to the petitioner in twelve equal monthly installments commencing from May 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 respondent, apart from paying arrears of pension, shall also continue to pay the pension amount due and payable to the petitioner without any default.

7. This Writ Petition is disposed of accordingly. No costs.

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+ 1 cc Mr.P.Kannan Kumar, Advocate sr.9320

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