



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 02.02.2017

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.VAIDYANATHAN

W.P(MD)No.1775 of 2017

A.Balasundaram

... Petitioner

vs.

The Management of Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Ltd,
Trichy Region, Rep. By its, General manager
Trichy.

... Respondent

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to pay the petitioner Rs.5,81,538/- towards Gratuity and Rs.3,95,014/- towards Leave Salary together with 18% interest per annum, along with interest amount towards the delayed payment of EPF Employees Contribution Rs.3,89,625/- for the period from 30.04.16 to 21.12.16 at the same rate, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Honourable Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For Respondent : Mr.D.Sivaraman

ORDER

The petitioner was employed as Special Grade Conductor in the respondent Corporation and he retired from service on 30.04.16 on attaining the age of superannuation.

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 equal monthly instalments 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 instalment.



4. In these circumstances, this 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 equal monthly instalments;

ii) The first instalment shall commence by making payment on or before the 10th March 2017 and the amount in each of the remaining instalments shall be paid on or before 10th 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 instalments, the interest payable could be 18% for the delayed period;

iv) 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. No costs.

Sd/-
Assistant Registrar(C)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

To

The General manager,
Management of
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd,
Trichy Region, Trichy.

+1 cc to MR.S.ARUNACHALAM, Advocate SR.No.5863
+1 cc to MR.D.SIVARAMAN, Advocate SR.No.5769

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