



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 13.11.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE V.M.VELUMANI

W.P. (MD) No.23880 of 2019

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... Petitioner

-Vs-

The Management of
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited,
Trichy Region, Represented by its General Manager,
Trichy. ... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 01.07.2018 to 20.09.2019, in paying the amounts paid towards the terminal benefits of the petitioner, namely, EPF Employees' Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

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

ORDER

This Writ Petition is filed to direct the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 01.07.2018 to 20.09.2019, in paying the amounts towards the terminal benefits of the petitioner, namely, EPF Employees' Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

2.Mr.D.Sivaraman, learned counsel takes notice on behalf of the respondent. By consent of both parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3.According to the petitioner, he was appointed as Junior Tradesman in the respondent Transport Corporation and retired from service on 30.06.2018 as TE Level-6. His terminal benefits were settled on 20.09.2019, after delay of more than 15 months. The grievance of the petitioner is that, the respondent has not paid the interest for the delayed payment as per the judgment of the First Bench of this Court, dated 12.06.2015 in W.A.(MD)Nos.383 to 457 of 2015. He made representation to the respondent on 30.09.2019 and the respondent have not passed any orders on the representation.



Hence, the petitioner has come out with the present writ petition.

4. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner, the learned counsel appearing for the respondent and perused the materials available on record.

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5. This issue has already been decided by the First Bench of this Court referred to above. In view of the same, the respondent is directed to pay the interest at the rate of 6% for the delayed payment in twelve (12) equal monthly installments on or before 10th day of every English Calendar month. The first installment is to be paid on or before 10th day of February, 2020.

6. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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TO
The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited,
Trichy Region,
Trichy.

+1 CC to M/s.D.SIVARAMAN, Advocate (SR-98607[F] dated 15/11/2019)

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