



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 27.11.2019

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE V.M.VELUMANI

W.P(MD)No.25121 of 2019

T.Padmanaban

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Management of
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,
Pudukottai Region
Represented by its General Manager
Pudukottai

2. The Administrator
Tamil Nadu State Transport Employee's Pension Fund Trust
Thiruvalluvar Illam
Anna Salai
Chennai -2.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 01.04.2019 to 20.09.2019, in paying the amounts paid towards the terminal and pension benefits of the petitioner namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned Sick Leaves and Commutated Value of Pension, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam

For Respondents : For R1 - Mr.D.Sivaraman

For R2 - Mr.A.Swaminathan

O R D E R

This writ petition is filed for a direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 01.04.2019 to 20.09.2019, in paying the amounts towards the terminal benefits of the petitioner namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned Leaves and Commutated Value of Pension, within a time frame as stipulated by this Court.



2. Mr.D.Sivaraman and Mr.A.Swaminathan, learned counsel takes notice for the respondents. By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

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3. According to the petitioner, he was appointed as 'Tradesman' in the 1st respondent Corporation on 20.12.1986 and retired from service on 31.03.2019 as 'Special Grade Tradesman' on attaining the age of superannuation. His terminal benefits were settled on 20.09.2019 after delay. The grievance of the petitioner is that, the respondents have 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 respondents on 26.09.2019 and the respondents have not passed any orders on the representation. Hence, the petitioner has come up with the present writ petition.

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

5. This issue has already been decided by the First Bench of this Court referred to above. In view of the same, the respondents are 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 March, 2020.

6. With the above direction, the writ petition stands disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CO)

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+1 CC to M/s.D. SIVARAMAN, Advocate (SR-101942[F] dated 27/11/2019)

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