



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 08.01.2020

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P. (MD) No.214 of 2020

K.Thangaraj

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Management of
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Ltd.,
rep., by its Managing Director,
Bye-Pass Road, Madurai-10.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Madurai) Limited, Dindigul Region, Dindigul.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Pension Fund Trust, Thiruvalluvar House,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai-2.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents herein to pay the interest to the petitioner at the rate of 12% per annum for the belated disbursement of Rs.14,32,851/- towards his retirement benefits namely provident fund, gratuity and leave salary from the date of his retirement ie., on 30.04.2018 upto the date of full settlement on 21.09.2019 by considering the petitioner's representation dated 12.12.2019 and within the time frame as fixed by this Court and for other reliefs.

For Petitioner : Mr.J.Lawrance
For Respondents : Mr.J.Senthilkumaraiah
Standing Counsel

O R D E R

By consent of both parties, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

2.The petitioner's retirement benefits were settled belatedly and in view of such belated settlement, the present writ petition has been filed seeking for interest on the belated payment of the terminal benefits.

3.It is brought to the notice of this Court that in an identical cases, a batch of writ petitions entertained by this Court and directions have been issued to the respondents to pay the



interest at the rate of 6% on the belated payment of the terminal benefits. This Court does not intend to deviate from the said procedure.

4.The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents would submit that in view of the financial burden cast on the respondents Corporation, they may be permitted to pay the interest on the belated payment in a liberal monthly installments.

5.I am not in agreement with the said representation made. There was already a duty cast on the respondents Corporation to pay the terminal benefits on the date of retirement itself and the very fact that the belated disbursement of retirement benefit, had already put the retired employee to serious prejudice, entertaining the present request for disbursement of the interest on the belated payment in installments, could cause further prejudice to the retired employee.

6.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents Corporation to pay the penal interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated payment of the retirement benefits for the period from the date of the retirement, till the date of actual disbursement, as expeditiously as possible and in any event, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7.With the above directions, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar ()

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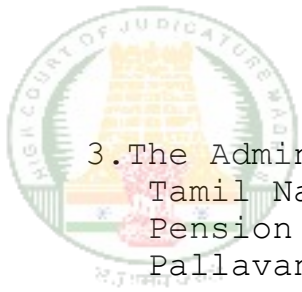
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+1 CC to Mr.J.LAWRENCE, Advocate (SR-808[F] dated 08/01/2020)

+1 CC to Mr.J.SENTHIL KUMARAIAH, Advocate (SR-825[F] dated
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