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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 23.09.2021

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.SARAVANAN

W.P.NO.20336 OF 2021

(Through Video Conferencing)

V.Sambandan

... Petitioner

Vs

The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation,
(Chennai) Ltd,
Pallavan House,
Chennai - 600 002.

... Respondent

Prayer : Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay 10% interest for the belated payment of terminal benefits such as Gratuity and Leave Salary to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.T.Varadarajulu

For Respondent : Mr.K.Moorthy

ORDER

Though this writ petition has been filed for a Mandamus, to direct the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 10% per annum for the belated payment of terminal benefits such as Gratuity and Leave Salary to the petitioner, in terms of the decision of this Court in W.P.No.15886 of 2020 vide order dated 19.01.2021. However, it is noticed that this view has been subsequently modified in W.P.No.506 of 2021 vide order dated 24.03.2021 considering the constraints of the State Finance due out break of Covid-19 Pandemic with the following observations:-



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“(i) Respondent/Transport Corporation is directed to pay interest @ 4% per annum to the Petitioner for the belated payment of gratuity, leave salary and communication of pension amount that are yet to be settled, in six equal monthly instalments, commencing 01.04.2021.

(ii) In case of delay in making instalments within the time stipulated supra, with reference to the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court (supra), interest payable for the period of delay shall be at 6% per annum.”

2. Considering the same, this Writ Petition is disposed by directing the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 4% per annum to the petitioner for the belated payment of Gratuity and Leave salary etc., within a period of six months in six equated monthly instalments.

3.This Writ Petition stands disposed of with the above observations. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar(CO)

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Sub Assistant Registrar

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To
The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation,
(Chennai) Ltd,
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