



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 17.03.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH

W.P.(MD) No.7486 of 2020

1.R.Viswanathan

2.R.M.Pandi

3.B.Karuppiyah,

4.N.Gandhi

5.R.Vedarajan

6.A.Madhavan

7.G.Mythili

8.P.Kumaresan

9.S.Maarie

10.R.Dharmarajan

... Petitioners

Vs

1.The Commissioner,

Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowment Administration,
Nungampakkam High Road,
Chennai-600 006.

2.The Joint Commissioner / Executive Officer,

Arulmigu Ramanathasamy Thirukoil,
Rameswaram.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to implement the interest of 10% to the gratuity amount from the retirement date of the petitioners passed by the controlling officer of payment of Gratuity/The Assistant Commissioner of Labour Madurai, in the order dated 23.08.2017 in Panikodai No.64/2016 filed by the 1st petitioner, in the order dated 23.08.2017 in Panikodai No.85/2016 filed by the 2nd petitioner, in the order dated 23.08.2017 in Panikodai No.114/2016 filed by the 3rd petitioner, in the order dated 23.08.2017 in Panikodai No.46/2016 filed by the 4th petitioner, in the order dated 23.08.2017 in Panikodai No.31/2016 filed by the 5th petitioner, in the order dated 23.08.2017 in Panikodai No.24/2016 filed by the 6th petitioner, in the order dated 25.06.2018 in Panikodai No.314/2016 filed by the 7th petitioner, in the order dated 25.06.2018 in Panikodai No.62/2017 filed by the 8th petitioner, in the order dated 25.06.2018 in Panikodai No.135/2017 filed by the 9th petitioner, in the order dated 25.06.2018 in Panikodai No.138/2017 filed by the 10th petitioner to disburse the interest of 10% gratuity amount to the petitioners and fix a time frame by this Court.

For Petitioners : Mr.R.Ramasamy

For R-1 : Mr.K.P.Narayanakumar

Special Government Pleader

For R-2

: Mr.S.Ramesh



O R D E R

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioners, the learned Special Government Pleader for the first respondent and the learned counsel for the second respondent.

2. Aggrieved against the belated settlement of the gratuity amount to the petitioners, they have claimed interest on the belated payment in this Writ Petition.

3. In this regard the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Vijay L. Mahrotra Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh** reported in **(2001) 9 SCC 687**, held that when the retirement benefits are not paid on the date of retirement are soon after, the retiree would be entitled for interest on the belated payment.

4. This Court is of the view that the respondents could be directed to pay the interest on the belated payment, at the rate of 6% per annum, as ordered in the above Writ Petition.

5. In this background, there shall be a direction to the respondents to pay the interest to the petitioners at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated payment of the retirement benefits, commencing from the date of retirement, till the date of actual disbursement, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. This Writ Petition stands allowed in accordance with the above terms. No costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CSII)

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Sub Assistant Registrar (CS)

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+1 CC to M/s.R.RAMASAMY, Advocate (SR-12079[F] dated 18/03/2021)

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