



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.09.2021

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D.KRISHNAKUMAR

W.P. (MD) No.16445 of 2021

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Management of
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation
(Thirunelveli) Ltd.,
Thirunelveli Region,
Rep. by its General Manager,
Thirunelveli.

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

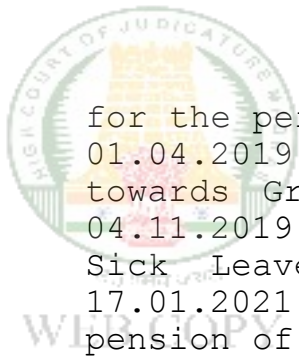
...Respondents

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying 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 04.12.2019 in paying the amount paid towards EPF Employee's Contribution and for the periods of delay from 01.04.2019 to 04.11.2019 and also from 01.04.2019 to 12.02.2021 in paying the amounts paid in parts as towards Gratuity and for the period of delay from 01.04.2019 to 04.11.2019 in paying the amount paid towards Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves and for the period of delay from 01.04.2019 to 17.01.2021 in paying the amount paid towards commutated value of pension of the husband of the Petitioner / deceased employee (Late) (Late) N.Subramanian, Staff No.5670, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner	:	Mr.S.Arunachalam
For Respondents	:	Mr.R.Rajamohan, Standing Counsel for R1. Mr.A.Swaminathan, Standing Counsel for R2.

O R D E R

This Writ Petition has been filed for the issue of a 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 04.12.2019 in paying the amount paid towards EPF Employee's Contribution and



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2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents.

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

4. The petitioner's husband is a retired employee of the respondents transport corporation. The petitioner's husband retired from service on 31.03.2019. The respondents have settled the retirement benefits to the petitioner on different dates viz, 05.11.2019, 05.12.2019, 13.02.2019 and 18.01.2021.

5. According to the petitioner, the issues involved in the present writ petition are that the respondents had settled the aforesaid amount belatedly, after a delay of more than 1 year and the respondents have also not paid interest for the belated payment to the petitioner. Hence, the petitioner has made a representation to the concerned authorities to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum. The petitioner has also relied on the decision of the earlier writ petition of this court in ***W.P.(MD)No.19950 of 2020 dated 04.01.2021, J. Gurumoorthy vs TNSTC (Kumbakonam) Ltd.*** In the above referred judgement, this Court has fixed the rate of interest at 6% per annum for the belated payment of retirement benefits. On the same line, orders to be in the present Writ Petition.

6. Mr.R.Rajamohan, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the first respondent, would submit that the respondents had settled the retirement benefit to the petitioner belatedly. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for the interest as decided in the earlier writ petition of this Court in W.P.(MD).No.19950 of 2020.

7. In the light of the above observations and with the consent of both parties, there shall be a direction to the respondents 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 four months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, subject to the condition that if the petitioner has not already given up his right for claiming interest for the retirement benefits.



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

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS-I)

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+1 CC to M/s.R.RAJAMOHAN, Advocate (SR-29026[F]
dated 14/09/2021)

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