



WP(MD)No.17858 of 2022

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **10.08.2022**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE M.S.RAMESH**

W.P.(MD)No.17858 of 2022

G.Nagarajan

... Petitioner

/vs./

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (KMB) Limited,
New Railway Station Road,
Kumbakonam-612001.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (KMB) Limited,
Karaikudi Region,
Managiri Post,
Maruthapathi,
Karaikudi,
Sivagangai District.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to disburse the difference amount of Gratuity Rs.52,546/- along with interest at the rate of 6% on the base of the petitioner's representation, dated 02.07.2021.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gokul
For Respondents : Mr.K.Jagadees Balan
Standing Counsel

ORDER

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

2.The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents respondent on 02.07.2021 seeking for disbursement of the petitioner's difference amount of Gratuity Rs.52,546/- along with interest at the rate of 6%. Since the said representation was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3.It is needless to point out that whenever a representation of this nature is made to a Statutory Authority, there is a duty cast upon the respondents to consider the same on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in one way or other, instead of keeping the same pending indefinitely. As such, non-consideration of the representation by the Statutory Authority would amount to dereliction of duty and hence, this Court will be justified in invoking its



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extraordinary powers under Article 226 of Constitution of India and direct them to consider the same within a stipulated time.

4.In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to consider the petitioner's representation, dated 02.07.2021 on its own merits and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that this Court has not expressed any of its views with regard to the merits of the claim of the petitioner and that it is open to the concerned respondent to consider the same on its own merits.

5.With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of. No costs.

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