



W.P.No.5173 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 23.02.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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Loganathan

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Villupuram) Limited,
Vazhuthareddy, Villupuram - 605 602.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
Kancheepuram Region, Kancheepuram.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees' Post Retirement Benefit
Fund Scheme, Thiruvalluvar House,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai - 600 002.

...Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle the differential gratuity, differential leave salary and PRBS amount along with interest at the rate of 18%.



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For Petitioner : Mr.J.Pradeep

For Respondents : Mr.R.Venkatesa Perumal

ORDER

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

2. The petitioner herein had given a representation to the respondents on 18.10.2022, seeking for settlement of his retirement benefits. 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 extraordinary powers under Article



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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 and second respondents herein to consider the petitioner's representation dated 18.10.2022, in the light of G.O.Ms.No.142, Transport (E) Department, dated 26.08.2019 and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law, within a period of six 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 ordered. No costs.

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