



W.P.No.16542 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.06.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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G.Santhamoorthy

...Petitioner

Vs

1.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
Thiruvannamalai Region,
Thiruvannamalai.

2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
No.2, 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 pay interest @ 10% for the belated payment of terminal benefits such as gratuity and commutation amount to the petitioner.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.T.Varadarajalu
For R1 : Mr.R.Venkatesa Perumal,
Standing Counsel
For R2 : Mr.C.S.K.Sathish

ORDER

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

2. The petitioner herein, who was serving as Selection Grade Conductor under the respondent Corporation, had retired from service on 30.06.2016 on reaching the age of superannuation. However, his retirement benefits came to be settled only on 16.06.2017, 04.12.2017 and 11.01.2018. The petitioner had given a representation on 30.03.2023, seeking for interest on the belated payment of the retirement benefits, which is yet to be considered.

3. This Court, in various decisions, have already taken a view that in all cases of belated payment of the terminal benefits, the concerned employee would be entitled for interest at the rate of 4% per annum. In



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this background, this Court is of the view that the petitioner would be entitled for interest at the rate of 4% per annum on the belated payment of the terminal benefits.

4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the first respondent herein to pay interest at the rate of 4% per annum on the belated payment of the terminal benefits to the petitioner, from the date of his retirement till the date of actual disbursement, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above direction, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

No costs.

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Index:Yes/No

Speaking order/Non-speaking order

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