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W.P.No.31435 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 02.11.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE M.S. RAMESH

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B. Balaji

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
3/137, Salamedu,
Villupuram – 605 602.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
Vellore Region, Rangapuram,
Vellore – 632 009.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum for the belated payment of his Surrender Leave Salary & Gratuity and at the rate of 8.1% p.a. for the belated payment of his Provident Fund amount within a time limit to be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.J. Lakshminarayanan

For Respondents : Mrs.Pavithra,
Standing Counsel



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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 had retired from service on 12.01.2021 on voluntary retirement. However, his terminal benefits came to be settled belatedly on 01.12.2022 and the respondents have not paid interest for the belated payment. In this regard, the petitioner has given representation to the respondents on 10.07.2023 and a reminder dated 18.07.2023 for the same, which are 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 6% per annum. In this background, this Court is of the view that if the respondents are directed to pay interest on the belated payment of the terminal benefits of the petitioner, the ends of justice could be secured.



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4. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondents herein, to settle the interest amount at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated payment of the terminal benefits from the date of the petitioner's retirement till the date of actual payment, within a period of four (4) 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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