



W.P.(MD).No.16814 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 13.07.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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S.Rajeswaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Managing Director,
State Express Transport Corporation(TN) Ltd.,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai-600 002.

... Respondent

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay 6% interest for the belated payment of Terminal Benefits such as P.F., Gratuity and Leave Salary, payable to the petitioner from the date of his retirement i.e. on 31.05.2022 to till the date of actual payment made to him i.e., 23/31.05.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.K.Thangavelu

For Respondent : Mr.K.Senthil Kumar



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ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondent to pay 6% interest for the belated payment of Terminal Benefits such as P.F., Gratuity and Leave Salary, payable to the petitioner from the date of his retirement i.e. on 31.05.2022 to till the date of actual payment made to him i.e., 23/31.05.2023.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The petitioner was employed as Assistant Engineer in the respondent corporation and he retired from service on 31.05.2022.

4. It is admitted that his terminal benefits were not settled immediately but only belatedly. The only question that arises for consideration is as regards the rate of interest payable on the belated settlement.

5. The issue raised in this writ petition was already decided by this Court vide order, dated 07.03.2023 in ***W.P(MD)No.4866 of 2023 (C.Murugan Vs. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd., & Another).***



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6. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is allowed by directing the respondent management to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for belated settlement of petitioner's terminal benefits. This shall be done within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
Internet : Yes/ No

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To

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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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