



W.P.(MD).No.16954 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.07.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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C.Retnaswamy

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited,
Represented by its Managing Director,
Tirunelveli Division,
Kattapomman Nagar, V.M.Chathiram,
Tirunelveli.

2.The Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Tirunelveli) Limited,
Represented by its General Manager,
Nagercoil Region,
Ranithottam, Nagercoil.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees' Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Anna Salai, Chennai-2.

... Respondents

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 12% per annum, for the period of delay from the petitioner's date of retirement (31.05.2022) to till the date of reimbursement



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(31.05.2023) of amount paid towards the petitioner's terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned / Sick Leave, Commuted Value of Pension and other monetary benefits etc., within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugan

For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.D.Jebaraj
Standing Counsel

For R-3 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 12% per annum, for the period of delay from the petitioner's date of retirement (31.05.2022) to till the date of reimbursement (31.05.2023) of amount paid towards the petitioner's terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned / Sick Leave, Commuted Value of Pension and other monetary benefits etc.

2. By consent of both parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.



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3. The petitioner was employed as Assistant Engineer by the respondent Corporation on 27.10.1990. 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).***

6. In view of the above, this Writ Petition stands disposed of by directing the respondent Corporation 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. There shall be no order as to costs.

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NCC : Yes / No
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To

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