



W.P.(MD).No.17832 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 25.07.2023

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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M.Shanmugam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Limited,
No.37, Mettupalayam Road,
Coimbatore – 641 043.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Limited,
Erode Region,
Chennimalai Road,
Erode – 1.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the petitioner's terminal benefits including Provident Fund, Gratuity and Terminal leave salary from the date of the petitioner's retirement to till the date on which the said benefits were settled to him, within a time frame fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Prasanth
For Respondents : Mr.K.Ramaiah
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to settle the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the petitioner's terminal benefits including Provident Fund, Gratuity and Terminal leave salary from the date of the petitioner's retirement to till the date on which the said benefits were settled to him, within a time frame fixed by this Court.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The petitioner was employed as a Driver by the respondent Corporation on 03.02.1987. He retired from service as a Special Grade Driver 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



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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 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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