



W.P.(MD).No.18288 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 28.07.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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M.Sekar

... Petitioner

Vs.

**1.The Management of
State Express Transport Corporation (Tamil Nadu) Limited,
Represented by its Managing Director,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-2.**

**2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport 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 the petitioner's interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.06.2022 to 30.05.2023, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal and pension benefits namely, EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leaves and Commuted value of pension, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For R-1 : Mr.K.Senthil Kumar
Standing Counsel
For R-2 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to pay the petitioner's interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.06.2022 to 30.05.2023, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal and pension benefits namely, EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leaves and Commutated value of pension, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

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

3. The petitioner was employed as Driver by the respondent Corporation on 01.08.1989. He retired from service on 31.05.2022.



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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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