



W.P.(MD).No.18382 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 31.07.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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V.Selvaraj

... Petitioner

Vs.

**1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Limited.**

**2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees' Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvallur Illam,
Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.**

... 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 6% per annum, for a period of delay from 30.04.2019 to 30.01.2021 in paying the amounts paid towards the terminal and pension benefits of the petitioner namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves and Commuted Value of Pension.

For Petitioner : Mr.M.Nivas Gokul

For R-1 : Mr.K.Ramaiah



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For R-2 : 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 6% per annum, for a period of delay from 30.04.2019 to 30.01.2021 in paying the amounts paid towards the terminal and pension benefits of the petitioner namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves and Commuted Value of Pension.

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 20.02.1988. He retired from service on 30.04.2019.



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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 allowed 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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