



W.P.(MD).No.18267 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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A.Stephan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation Tirunelveli Limited,
Tirunelveli.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation Tirunelveli Limited,
Ranthottam,
Nagercoil-629 001,
Kanyakumari District.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees' Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvallur House,
Pallavan 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 the 6% interest for the belated payment of the petitioner retirement benefits i.e., Provident Fund, Gratuity, E.L. and M.L Salary, Surrender Leave Salary and all other retirement benefits from the date of retirement to the actual date of



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payment of retirement benefits to the petitioner and pay the same to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.S.Ramakrishna Dass

For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.K.Ramaiah
Standing Counsel

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

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to pay the 6% interest for the belated payment of the petitioner's retirement benefits (i.e.,) Provident Fund, Gratuity, E.L. and M.L Salary, Surrender Leave Salary and all other retirement benefits from the date of retirement to the actual date of payment of retirement benefits to the petitioner and pay the same to the petitioner.

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 Special Conductor by the respondent Corporation. 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 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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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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