



W.P.(MD).No.20577 of 2023

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 24.08.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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M.Ravindran

... Petitioner

Vs.

- 1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Madurai) Limited,
Bye-Pass Road, Madurai-16.
- 2.The General Manager,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Madurai) Limited,
Dindigul Region,
Dindigul.
- 3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Pallavan 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 settle the belated payment interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the delayed payment of retirement benefits such as Provident Fund Rs.8,63,120/-, Gratuity



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Rs.7,17,905/- and Leave Salary Rs.4,60,000/- from the date of retirement on 31.05.2022 till the date of settlement on 31.05.2023.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Govindan
For R-1 & R-2 : Mr.Siva Balaji
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 settle the belated payment interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the delayed payment of retirement benefits such as Provident Fund Rs. 8,63,120/-, Gratuity Rs.7,17,905/- and Leave Salary Rs.4,60,000/- from the date of retirement on 31.05.2022 till the date of settlement on 31.05.2023.

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 in the respondent Corporation. He voluntarily 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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