

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.09.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

W.P.(MD).No.22045 of 2023

D.Vasanth

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Ltd.,
New Railway Station Road,
Kumbakonam-612 001.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Ltd.,
Pudukottai Region,
Thirumayam Road,
Pudukottai.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employee's Pensions 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

disburse interest at the rate of 6% for the belated payment of retirement benefits Gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Salary and Commutation.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gokul

For R1& R2 : Mr.K.Jegadesh Balan
Standing Counsel

For R3 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to disburse interest at the rate of 6% for the belated payment of retirement benefits Gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Salary and Commutation.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The petitioner's husband was employed as Tradesman by the respondent corporation on 01.01.1986. He retired from service on 30.04.2020. Thereafter, he died on 19.08.2020 due to health issue.

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 is disposed of by directing the respondent management to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for belated settlement of terminal benefits of the deceased husband of the petitioner. 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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