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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 14.09.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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A.Radhakrishnan

... Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employee's 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 interest at the rate of 12% per annum, for the period of delay from the petitioner's date of retirement (30.06.2022) to till the date of reimbursement (23.05.2023) of amount paid towards the petitioner's terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves and commuted value of pension and other monetary benefits etc., within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court, without affecting the petitioner's right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugan
For R1 : Mr.K.Senthilkumar
Standing Counsel
For R2 : 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 of 12% per annum, for the period of delay from the petitioner's date of retirement (30.06.2022) to till the date of reimbursement (23.05.2023) of amount paid towards the petitioner's terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Earned / Sick Leaves and commuted value of pension and other monetary benefits etc., within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court, without affecting the petitioner's right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The petitioner was employed as Tradesman by the respondent corporation on 01.06.1987. He retired from service on 30.06.2022.



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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 is disposed of by directing the respondent management 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. No costs.

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