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W.P.No.7636 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.03.2024

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

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S.Sridhar

...Petitioner

-Vs-

1. The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd.,
Pallavan House,
Anna Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

2. The Administrator,
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation,
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvallurvar House, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

...Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay interest on the belated payment of terminal benefits namely gratuity, leave salary, Commutation of Pension amount and Provident fund amount to the petitioner at the rate of 6% per annum for the period from (31.01.2020) the date of retirement to till the date of settlement by following the order passed in W.P.No.2262 of 2024 dated 02.02.2024.



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For petitioner : Mr.V.S.Jagadeesan
For respondent 1 : Mr.A.Vinothraj
Standing Counsel
For respondent 2 : Mr.C.S.K.Sathish

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondent to pay interest on the belated payment of terminal benefits namely gratuity, leave salary, Commutation of Pension amount and Provident fund amount to the petitioner at the rate of 6% per annum for the period from (31.01.2020) the date of retirement to till the date of settlement by following the order passed in W.P.No.2262 of 2024 dated 02.02.2024.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Government Advocate appearing for the respondents and perused the materials available on record.



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3. In identical issues, this Court has passed various orders, justifying the payment of interest to the aggrieved pensioners and in the order dated 13.12.2019 in W.P.(MD).No.26481 of 2019, the following order came to be passed : -

"5. I am not in agreement with the said representation made. There was already a duty cast on the respondent Corporation to pay the terminal benefits on the date of retirement itself and the very fact that the belated disbursement of retirement benefit, had already put the retired employee to serious prejudice, entertaining the present request for disbursement of the interest on the belated payment in installments, could cause further prejudice to the retired employee.

6. In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondent / Corporation to pay the penal interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated payment of the retirement benefits for the period from the date of the retirement, till the date of the actual disbursement, as expeditiously as possible and in any event, not before the expiry of three month from the date of receipt



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4. This Court is of the view that the respondents could be directed to pay the interest on the belated payment, at the rate of 6% per annum, as ordered in the above writ petition.

5. In the light of the above findings, there shall be a direction to the respondents herein to pay the interest on the belated payment of the terminal benefits to the petitioner at the rate of 6% per annum, commencing from the date of the retirement, till the date of actual disbursement, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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