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W.P.No.17788 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 04.07.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE **G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN**

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Petitioner

Vs.

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

2.The Senior Deputy Manager (HRD),
Metropolitan Transport
Corporation (Chennai) Ltd.,
Pallavan House,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation Employees
Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar House,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

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Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India praying to issue Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest amounts to the petitioner for the belatedly paid Provident Fund, Service Gratuity amount, Leave Liability amount and Commutation of pension amount at the rate of 6% per annum for 19 months of delayed payment in the light of the judgment passed by this Court on 02.02.2024 in W.P.No.2262 of 2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ishak

For Respondent Nos.1 & 2 : Mr.R.Balaji
Standing Counsel

For Respondent No.3 : Mr.C.S.K.Sathish

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for direction directing the respondents to pay appropriate interest to the petitioner for the delayed sanction and disbursement of retirement benefits.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side 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 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.”

4. This Court is of the view that the first respondent could be



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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 first respondent 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 a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, this Writ Petition is disposed of.
There shall be no order as to costs.

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Speaking order / Non-speaking order

Index : Yes / No

Neutral Citation : Yes / No

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