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W.P.No.28606 of 2024

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 27.09.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N.ANAND VENKATESH

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P.Sri Ganesh,
Staff No: C 14398,
Special Grade Conductor Level V-Retd.,
89/1, Anna Salai, Erukkancheri, Kodungaiyur,
Chennai – 600 118.

.. Petitioner

Vs.

The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation
(Chennai) Limited, Pallavan Illam,
Mount Road, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.

.. Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as Gratuity, Earned Leave, Commutation of Pension, Provident fund and other retirement benefits payable to the petitioner with 6% rate of interest within the time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Sudhagar Nagaraj

For Respondent : Mr.R.Balaji
Standing Counsel



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ORDER

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This writ petition has been filed for the issue of writ of mandamus directing the respondent to settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as gratuity, earned leave, commutation of pension, provident fund and other retirement benefits payable to the petitioner with 6% rate of interest within the time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.

2.The case of the petitioner is that he joined the services of the respondent in the year 1992 and retired from his service on 30.06.2022.

3.The grievance of the petitioner is that his terminal benefits were settled belatedly with a long delay only on 23.05.2023 without any interest. Hence, the petitioner sent representation dated 08.04.2024 to the respondents seeking for payment of interest for the belated payment. Since the same did not evoke any response, the petitioner has come with the present writ petition for the relief sought for above.

4.Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondent.



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5.Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the materials available on record, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent Corporation to pay the eligible amount with interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the delay period in settling the terminal benefits. This payment shall be made within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that if the amount is not paid within the time frame fixed by this Court, it will fetch an interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date on which the amount became due and payable till the date of actual realisation.

6.The petitioner is directed to submit a fresh representation to the respondent along with a copy of this order. No costs.

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