



W.P.(MD)No.18034 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 01.08.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE R.N.MANJULA

W.P.(MD)No.18034 of 2024

M.Backiyalakshmi

... Petitioner

vs.

The Managing Director,
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Ltd.,
Madurai. ... Respondent

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to settle the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for belated payment of terminal benefits of the petitioner's husband Late R.Murugan including provident fund, gratuity and leave salary from the date of his death to till the date on which the said benefits were settled to her.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Rahul

For Respondent : Mr.K.Ramaiah



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ORDER

Heard Mr.A.Rahul, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.K.Ramaiah, learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent.

2. The petitioner's husband was appointed as a Conductor in the respondent Corporation. Subsequently, he was promoted to Special Grade Conductor and thereafter, died on 07.01.2023 while in service. Now the petitioner has come up with this petition seeking a direction against the respondent to pay interest for the delayed payment of her husband's terminal benefits.

3. By consent of both parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

4. It is admitted that the petitioner's husband's terminal benefits were not settled immediately but only belatedly on 10.10.2023. The only question that arises for consideration is with regard to the rate of interest



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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. Therefore, this Court directs the respondent Corporation to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for belated settlement of petitioner's husband's terminal benefits within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. In view of the above, this Writ Petition is **disposed of**. No costs.

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