



W.P.(MD).No.31312 of 2024

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 20.12.2024

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE R.VIJAYAKUMAR

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... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Management of
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Limited,
Trichy Region,
Represented by its General Manager,
Trichy.

2. The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Employees'
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 the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.04.2023 to 29.10.2024, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leave and Commuted Value of Pension, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For R1 : Mr.K.Ramaiah
Standing Counsel
For R2 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The present Writ Petition has been filed by a retired Selection Grade Driver of the respondent Transport Corporation, who had attained superannuation on 31.03.2023 seeking the payment of interest for the belated disbursement of terminal benefits.

2. According to the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner, though the petitioner has retired from service on 31.03.2023, the terminal benefits were released only on 30.10.2024. Hence, the petitioner has addressed a communication to the respondents on 04.11.2024, seeking payment of interest for the belated disbursement of terminal benefits. Since there is no response, the present writ petition has been filed.



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3. Heard the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents.

4. Considering the above said facts, the respondents herein are directed to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated disbursement of terminal benefits from the due date till the date of disbursement, within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

5. With the above said observations, this Writ Petition stands disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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