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CNR: KAHC010343522023

NC: 2026:KHC:64043
WP No. 14675 of 2023

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 18TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2026

BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

WRIT PETITION NO. 14675 OF 2023 (L-KSRTC)

BETWEEN:

B.C. KUMAR
AGED ABOUT 60 YEARS
RETIRED ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
KSRTC CENTRAL OFFICE
R/A NO.39, 4TH BLOCK
5TH CROSS MADHUVANA BADAVANE
SRIRAMPURA 2ND STAGE, MYSURU-34.

...PETITIONER

(BY SMT. AKSHATHA S N, ADVOCATE FOR
SRI. H P GANGESH GOWDA., ADVOCATE)

AND:

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR
KARNATAKA STATE ROAD
TRANSPORT CORPORATION
TRANSPORT HOUSE, K H ROAD
BANGALORE -60027

...RESPONDENT

(BY SMT. RENUKA H R., ADVOCATE)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO DIRECT THE RESPONDENT CORPORATION TO PAY INTEREST AMOUNT OF RS.27,060/- FROM 16.6.2022 THE DATE OF HIS REPRESENTATION VIDE ANNEXURE-D ALONG WITH INTEREST TILL THE DATE OF PAYMENT AT 10 PERCENT PER ANNUM FROM 16.6.2022 I.E., AS PER ANNEXURE-C FOR THE DELIBERATE

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DELAY IN PAYMENT OF EARNED LEAVE ENCASHMENT AMOUNT AND ETC.

THIS PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD

ORAL ORDER

This writ petition is filed under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, seeking the following reliefs:

> *"(i) Issue a writ or order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent – Corporation to pay interest amount of Rs.27,060/- from 16.06.2022 the date of his representation vide Annexure-D along with interest till the date of payment at 10% per annum from 16.06.2022, as per Annexure-C for the deliberate delay in payment of earned leave encashment amount."*

2. The brief facts of the case are that, the petitioner is a retired employee of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (for short, 'the Corporation'). He retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 28.02.2022, after rendering 37 years, 9 months and 9 days of service. At the time of his

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retirement, he was working as an Assistant Executive Engineer.

3. After his retirement, the Corporation disbursed a sum of Rs.33,64,495/- towards gratuity on 28.11.2022, i.e., nearly nine months after the date of his retirement. Aggrieved by the delay in payment of gratuity, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 11.04.2023, vide Annexure-D, seeking payment of interest for the period of delay. Since the said representation has not been considered by the respondent-Corporation, the petitioner is before this Court.

4. Since the grievance of the petitioner essentially pertains to non-consideration of his representation dated 11.04.2023, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to the respondent-Corporation to consider the representation submitted by the petitioner vide Annexure-D, dated 11.04.2023, in accordance with law and pass appropriate orders thereon,

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as expeditiously as possible, in any event, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

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(H.T. NARENDRA PRASAD)
JUDGE

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