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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 04-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.PUGALENDHI

WP(MD) No. 31456 of 2026

CNR:{HCMD011564392026}

Case QR

Rajendran M

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to
   Government of Tamil Nadu,
   Transport Department,
   Secretariat,
   Chennai - 600 009

2. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
   (Kumbakonam) Limited,
   Represented by its Managing Director,
   Kumbakonam.

3. The General Manager,
   The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation,
   (Kumbakonam) Limited,
   Pudukkottai Region,
   Pudukkottai.

4. The Administrator,
   The Tamil Nadu Transport Corporation
   Employees Pension Fund Trust,
   Thiruvalluvar Illam,
   Pallavan Salai,
   Chennai - 600 002.

..Respondent(s)

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 compute and pay differential amounts to the petitioner in

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the benefits in respect of Gratuity, Encashment of Leave Salary, Monthly Pension by extending the benefit of 15th wage revision settlement entered under Section 12(3) of I.D. Act dated 29.05.2025 and also giving him Dearness Allowance on par with serving employees of Transport Corporation and to pay him Arrears from the date of his retirement i.e. 31.05.2025 together with interest at the rate of 12 % per annum for the differential payment to be computed from the date of his retirement till the date of payment within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s) :M/s A.Rahul
For Respondent(s) :Mr.G.Mohan Kumar,
Addl Government Pleader for R1
: Mr.S.C.Herold Singh, for R2 to R4

ORDER

The petitioner worked as a Selection Grade Driver in the respondent transport corporation and retired from service on 31.05.2025. The 15th tripartite wage settlement under Section 12(3) of the Industrial Disputes Act was entered into between the Management and Trade Unions on 29.05.2025. As per Clause 1 of the terms of settlement, the Management has agreed to revise the wages of the employees who were in service as on 01.09.2023 by revising the pay by 6% of the earlier wages, with effect from 01.09.2023 notionally and monetary benefits with effect from 01.09.2024.

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2.Admittedly, the petitioner was in service as on 01.09.2023 and therefore, the petitioner made a representation to the respondent seeking the benefits due to him as per the 15th wage settlement. Alleging inaction, he has filed this writ petition seeking a mandamus to the respondents to revise his wages, based on the 15th wage settlement dated 29.05.2025 and to pay the benefits with interest.

3.The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent transport corporation submits that as per Clause 37(b) of the settlement u/s.12(3) of the ID Act dated 29.05.2025, the Management is expected to revise the scale of pay from 01.09.2023 and to calculate the arrears of amount with effect from 01.09.2024, which is payable in four quarterly installments. According to him, they would calculate the same and if there is any due, it would be paid to the petitioner within a reasonable time.

4.This court has considered the rival submissions made and perused the materials placed on record.

5.The 15th wage settlement under Section 12(3) of the Industrial Disputes Act was entered into between the Management and the Unions

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on 29.05.2025. As per Clause 1 of the terms of the settlement, the Management agreed to revise the wages of the employees, who were in service as on 01.09.2023, by revising the pay by 6% of the earlier wages. Hence the monetary benefits would be paid with effect from 01.09.2024 and the arrears if any, would be settled in four quarterly installments.

6.Clause 37(b) of the settlement dated 29.05.2025 reads as under:-

"ஆ) இந்த ஒப்பந்தத்தின் மு:லமான பணப்பயன் நிலுவைத் டிதாகை 01.:09.:2024 முதல் கணக்கிடப்பட்டு 4 தவணைகளாக காலாண்டுதொறும் வர்"கப்படும்."

7.The petitioner was in service as a permanent employee of the Transport Corporation as on 01.09.2023 and therefore, he is entitled for the benefits as per this 15th wage settlement. The petitioner retired from service on 31.05.2025. The 15th wage settlement provides revision of scale of pay by 6% on the basic pay, for those who were in service as on 01.09.2023, however monetary benefits with effect from 01.09.2024. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled for the benefits, pursuant to the revision of scale of pay from 01.09.2024.

8.Admittedly, such a revision has not been made till date. Any belated settlement of monetary benefits due to an employee needs to be settled with interest at the rate of 6% per annum. Therefore, this writ

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petition stands allowed with a direction to the respondent Transport Corporation to revise the pay scale of the petitioner with effect from 01.09.2023 and provide the benefits with effect from 01.09.2024, as per the 15th wage settlement dated 29.05.2025 to the petitioner within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, with interest @ 6% per annum. The interest shall be calculated for the period beyond Clause 37(b) of the settlement dated 29.05.2025 till the date of actual payment. There shall be no order as to costs.

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