

# Buses seized from firm Over gratuity claims

IPOH, Wed. — Seven buses were seized from Reliance Omnibus company today after it was served with a court order by a former employee who was not paid gratuity claims amounting to RM89,600.29.

The buses would be sold by auction at a date to be fixed by court unless the company paid the amount to Chin Yim Wooi, 60, who had worked as a clerk for 37 years before retiring on March 1, 1998.

His lawyer Edwin Seibel Nathan served the order this morning with court bailiffs present.

The amount was awarded by Industrial Court president Yusof Ahmad on Oct 25 last year after a hearing into a complaint

brought by the Transport Workers Union.

The union had complained that six of its members, including Chin, had retired but did not receive retirement benefits as provided for in the collective agreement between the union and Reliance Omnibus.

However, only Chin pursued his claim while the rest settled out of court.

In its judgment, the court said it was satisfied that the company had not complied with the provision in the collective agreement and ordered it to pay Chin RM85,999.94.

(The total amount of RM89,600.29 stated in the court order includes interest of RM3,600.35.)