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W.P.No.3314 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

**DATED: 04-02-2026**

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**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI**

**WP No. 3314 of 2026**

1. P.Usha

W/o.Late.Ponnusami (MCR088)

Chinnayan valavu

Vembaneri

Edappadi

Salem-637 105

2. Chitra

W/o.late.Somanathan(TR 1550)

195/2 Ambedkar Nagar

Narasingapuram,

Attur

Salem-636 108

3. A.Palaniyammal

W/o.Late.Arumugam(DR 2563)

7/22,Kovalankadu

Katchupalli

Edappadi

Salem-637 102



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4. H.Sagundhala

W/o.Late.R.Palaniyappan(CR 6059)

5/254-6,Periyar nagar

Aarur,

Dharmapuri-636 903

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Tamilnadu State Transport corporation (salem)Ltd

Rep by its the Managing Director

No.12,Ramakrishna Road

Salem-7

..Respondent(s)

Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 12 percentage per annum to the 1st 2nd and 3rd petitioners for the belated payment of terminal benefits namely provident fund Gratuity and Earned Leave salary, for the respective periods of delay of 644 days, 665 days and 390 days, and to pay interest at the rate of 12 percentage per annum to the 4th petitioner for the belated payment of provident fund and Gratuity for a period of delay of 584 days within a specified time.

For Petitioner(s): Ms.G.K.Dharshini

For Respondent(s): Mr.K.Raja



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## **ORDER**

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum to the petitioners 1 to 3 for the belated payment of terminal benefits namely, provident fund Gratuity and Earned Leave salary, for the respective periods of delay of 644 days, 665 days and 390 days and to pay interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum to the fourth petitioner for the belated payment of provident fund and Gratuity for a period of delay of 584 days, within a specified time as fixed by this Court.

2. It is the case of the petitioners that their husbands joined the service of the respondent Corporation during the years 1986, 1988, 1989 & 1996 and died in harness during 2018, 2022 & 2023 respectively. However, the terminal benefits namely, provident fund Gratuity and Earned Leave salary, were settled to the petitioners 1 to 3 with a delay of 644 days, 665 days and 390 days respectively and the terminal benefits namely, provident fund and Gratuity to the fourth petitioner with a delay of 584 days. Therefore, the

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petitioners claimed 12% interest on the belated settlement of retirement benefits as stated supra and they have also made a representation on 17.09.2025, 08.10.2025, 13.10.2025 & 26.09.2025 respectively to pay interest for the belated settlement of retirement benefits which have not evoked any response so far. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

3. Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record. With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the admission stage itself.

4. In view of the limited request made by the petitioners with regard to interest on the belated settlement of retirement benefits, this Court directs the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of retirement benefits as stated supra from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursal of the retirement benefits of the petitioners, if there is no impediment in disbursing the same, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, taking into account the bank rate of interest on deposits.

5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.



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6. WMP.No.3754 of 2026 filed by the petitioners to permit them to join together and file a Single Writ Petition is allowed on payment of single Court fee.

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Index: Yes/No

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Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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**M.DHANDAPANI, J.**

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