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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-06-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 22921 of 2026

K.A.Iyyappan

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

1. The Principal Secretary to Government
Environment, Climate Change and Forest
Department,
Ex -officio Chairman for Tamilnadu for Tamil
nadu Tea Plantation corporation,
Fort St. George,
Chenani 600 009
2. Tamil nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd.,
Rep by its Managing Director,
OrangeGrove Road,
Coonoor 643 101
3. The Divisional Manager
Tamil nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Ltd,
Nelliyalam Tea Division,
Kolapalli Post, Pandalur Taluk,
The Nilgiris District

..Respondent(s)

Prayer:- Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ of Mandamus Directing the respondents to pay interest for the belated payment of Death cum Retirement Gratuity and Encashment of Earned Leave, at the rate of 18 percent per annum from the date of retirement of the petitioner ie.30.09.2022 till the date of payment of benefits within the time frame fixed by this Honble Court.



For Petitioner(s): Mr.N.K.Ponraj

For Respondent(s): Mr.L.Gokulraj, GA for R1 to R3.

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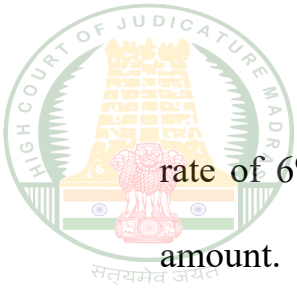
ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed for the following reliefs:-

“Directing the respondents to pay interest for the belated payment of Death cum Retirement Gratuity and Encashment of Earned Leave, at the rate of 18 percent per annum form the date of retirement of the petitioner ie.30.09.2022 till the date of payment of benefits within the time frame fixed by this Honble Court.”

2. The case of the petitioners is that he was appointed in the respondent-Corporation on 27.03.1992 and retired from service on 30.09.2022. However, the terminal benefits have been settled to the petitioner on 07.05.2026 but no interest has been paid for the delayed period. Therefore, the petitioner had submitted a representation to the respondent dated 28.05.2026, requesting to pay interest for the delayed period. Since the same was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3. The learned Government Advocate appearing on behalf of the respondents would fairly submit that they are willing to pay the interest at the



rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the eligible and admissible amount.

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4. Heard the learned counsel for both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. In view of the above submission of the learned Government Advocate, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of eligible and admissible terminal benefits from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursal of the terminal benefits of the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. In the result, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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