



BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 29.07.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MS.JUSTICE V.M.VELUMANI

W.P(MD)No.13098 of 2021

D.Pandiarajan

... Petitioner

vs.

1.The Management of

**Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Ltd.,
Dindigul Region,
Rep. by its General Manager,
Dindigul.**

2.The Administrator,

**Tamil Nadu State Transport Employees' Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Anna Salai,
Chennai - 02.**

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 01.02.2020 to 01.06.2021, in paying the amounts paid towards the terminal and pension benefits of the petitioner namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Earned/Sick Leaves and Commuted Value of Pension, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam

**For Respondents : Mr.J.Senthil Kumariah for R1
Mr.A.Swaminathan for R2**

ORDER

Mr.J.Senthil Kumariah, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the first respondent. Mr.A.Swaminathan, learned counsel takes notice for the second respondent.

2.The petitioner's retirement benefits were settled belatedly and in view of such belated settlement, the present Writ Petition has been filed seeking for interest on the belated payment of the terminal benefits.

3.It is brought to the notice of this Court that in identical cases, a batch of Writ Petitions were entertained by this Court and directions have been issued to the respondents to pay the interest, at the rate of 6% on the belated payment of the terminal benefits. This Court does not intend to deviate from such orders passed in similar cases.

4.The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the first respondent would submit that in view of the financial burden cast on the respondents corporation, they may be permitted to pay the interest on the belated payment in a liberal monthly installments.

