



W.P(MD)No.14729 of 2023

**BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT**

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DATED : 21.06.2023

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.R.SWAMINATHAN**

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M.Ponnu Mani

... Petitioner

**Vs.**

The Management of Tamil Nadu State  
Express Transport Corporation Ltd.,  
Rep. by its General Manager,  
Pallavan Salai, Chennai – 2.

... Respondent

**Prayer :** Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 12 percentage per annum, for the period of delay from the petitioner's dated of retirement (31.05.2022) to till the date of reimbursement (23.05.2023) of amount paid towards the petitioner's terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employees Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned / Sick Leave and other monetary benefits etc within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court without affecting the petitioner's right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugan

For Respondent : Mr.K.Senthil Kumar,  
Standing Counsel.

### **ORDER**

Heard the learned counsel on either side.

2.The writ petitioner joined the respondent corporation as Driver in the year 2000. He retired from service on 31.05.2022. However, his terminal benefits were settled only on 23.05.2023.

3.It is well settled that for such belated settlement, the retired employee is entitled to interest. I, therefore, direct the respondent Corporation to pay the interest to the writ petitioner computed at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated disbursement from the date of retirement till date of settlement. The interest amount shall be paid within a period of twelve weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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4.This writ petition is allowed accordingly. No costs.

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**G.R.SWAMINATHAN, J.**

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