



W.P.(MD).No.19065 of 2023

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.08.2023

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

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M.Dharmalingam

... Petitioner

Vs.

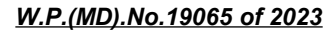
**The Management of
Tamil Nadu Transport Corporation (Kovai) Ltd.,
Rep. By its Managing Director,
Coimbatore.**

... Respondent

Prayer : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying this Court to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.11.2021 to 13.03.2023 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of leave within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance towards those benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr. S. Arunachalam

**For Respondent : Mr. Jebaraj
Standing Counsel**



The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.11.2021 to 13.03.2023 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of leave within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance towards those benefits.

4. It is admitted that his terminal benefits were not settled immediately but only belatedly. The only question that arises for consideration is as regards the rate of interest payable on the belated settlement.



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5. The issue raised in this writ petition was already decided by this Court vide order, dated 07.03.2023 in ***W.P(MD)No.4866 of 2023 (C.Murugan Vs. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd., & Another).***

6. In view of the above, this Writ Petition stands disposed of by directing the respondent Corporation to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for belated settlement of petitioner's terminal benefits including EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of leave. This shall be done within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. There shall be no order as to costs.

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To

The Managing Director,
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