



W.P.(MD).No.21148 of 2023

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

**DATED : 30.08.2023**

**CORAM**

**THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI**

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N.Panneerselvam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,  
Represented by its Managing Director,  
Kumbakonam.

2.The General Manager,  
Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,  
Kumbakonam Region,  
Kumbakonam-612 001.

3.The General Manager,  
The Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,  
Nagapattinam Region,  
Nagapattinam.

4.The Chief Financial Advisor,,  
The Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,  
Kumbakonam-612 001.

... Respondents

**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



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pay the interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the belated payment of retirement benefits including Gratuity, Provident Fund, Commutation and Leave encashment amount within the time limit that may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.D.Sivaraman  
For R1 – R3 : Mr.K.Ramaiah  
Standing Counsel  
For R4 : No Appearance

### **ORDER**

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to pay the interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the belated payment of retirement benefits including Gratuity, Provident Fund, Commutation and Leave encashment amount within the time limit that may be fixed by this Court.

2. Heard the learned counsel on either side.

3. The petitioner was employed as Driver by the respondent corporation on 16.03.1994. He retired from service on 29.02.2020.



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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.

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 is disposed of by directing the respondent management to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for belated settlement of petitioner's terminal benefits. This shall be done within a period of twelve (12) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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NCC : Yes / No  
Index : Yes / No  
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**L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.**

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