



W.P(MD)No.403 of 2024

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 09.01.2024

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THE HONOURABLE MRS.JUSTICE L.VICTORIA GOWRI

W.P(MD)No.403 of 2024

R.Ganesan

... Petitioner

Vs.

**The Management of State Express
Transport Corporation (Tamilnadu) Ltd.,
Represented by its Managing Director,
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 the petitioner interest at the rate of 6% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.04.18 to 02.11.18, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of leaves 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 Respondent : Mr.K.Senthil Kumar
Standing Counsel**



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ORDER

The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 6% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.04.18 to 02.11.18, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of leaves within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

2. By consent of both the parties, this Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the stage of admission itself.

3. The petitioner was employed as Conductor in the respondent corporation on 06.04.1989. He retired from service on 31.03.2018.

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 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.

09.01.2024

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To

The Managing Director,
The Management of State Express
Transport Corporation (Tamilnadu) Ltd.,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-2.



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L.VICTORIA GOWRI, J.

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