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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 11.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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M.Elangovan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (VPM) Ltd.,
No.3/137, Salamedu, Valudhureddy Post,
Viluppuram – 605 602.

2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Employees
Post Retirement Welfare Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar House, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum for the belated payment of retirement benefits for the period of 30.09.2022 to 23.03.2023 i.e., 236 days on Provident Fund, Gratuity, Surrender Leave Amount, Commuted Pension, and other retirement benefits, within a specified time.



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For Petitioner : M/s.R.Yash Rathi

For R1 : M/s.S.Pavithra
Standing Counsel

For R2 : Mr.C.S.K.Sathish
Standing Counsel

ORDER

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

2. The instant writ petition has been filed with a prayer for issuing a Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum for the belated payment of retirement benefits for the period of 30.09.2022 to 23.03.2023 i.e., 236 days on Provident Fund, Gratuity, Surrender Leave Amount, Commuted Pension, and other retirement benefits, within a specified time.



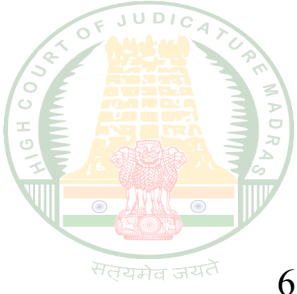
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3. Heard the learned counsel for both sides and perused the materials available on record.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has joined in the services of the 1st Respondent-Transport Corporation as Driver on 16.04.1990 and after rendering 32 years of service and on attaining the age of superannuation, he retired from service on 30.09.2022 as Special Grade Driver. However, his retirement benefits were paid on 23.05.2023 after a delay of 236 days, albeit without any interest. In this connection, the petitioner has sent a representation on 08.02.2025 to the respondents claiming interest on the delayed payment. Since the same was not considered by the respondents, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. At this juncture, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 1st respondent would submit that in view of the similar orders passed by this Court in W.P.Nos. 40031, 33742 and 35806 of 2024, they are willing to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the eligible and admissible amount.



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6. In view of the above submission of the learned Standing Counsel, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondents to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum upon the delayed payment of retirements benefits, from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursal of the terminal benefits to the petitioner, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

7. With the above direction, the Writ Petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index : Yes/No
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Neutral Citation : Yes/No
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