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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 06.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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A.Lokanathan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Management of
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Ltd,
Erode Region,
Rep by its Managing Director,
Erode.

... Respondent

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.05.2023 to 11.02.2025, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Leaves/Already surrendered earned leaves within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ajay Khose

For Respondent : Mr.M.Murali Vinodh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The instant writ petition has been filed with a prayer for issuing a Mandamus, to direct the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.05.2023 to 11.02.2025, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Leaves/Already surrendered earned leaves.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he was retired from service on 30.04.2023. However, the terminal benefits have been settled to him only on 11.02.2025 and no interest has been paid for the delayed period. In view of the same, the petitioner submitted representation dated 17.03.2025 to the respondent to pay interest for the delayed period. Since the same was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.



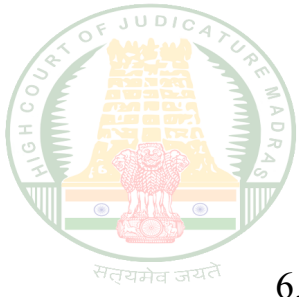
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3. The learned Standing Counsel for the respondent would fairly admits that in view of the similar orders passed by this Court in W.P.Nos. 40031, 33742 and 35806 of 2024, they are willing to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated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

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

5. In view of the above submission of the learned Standing Counsel, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondent to pay the eligible and admissible amount with interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of terminal benefits, from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursal of the terminal benefits of the petitioner, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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6. In the result, this Writ Petition is disposed of with the above observations. No costs.

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