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W.P.No.19314 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated : 10.06.2025

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THE HON'BLE Mr. JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN**

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A.Lawrence

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Managment of
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managring Director,
Coimbatore.

... Respondent

Prayer:

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.01.2023 to 29.10.2024, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Leaves.

For Petitioner : Mr.V.Ajoy Khose

For Respondent : Mr.C.Gauthamraj,
Standing Counsel



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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 01.06.2023 to 09.03.2025, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Leaves.

2. The case of the petitioner is that he was appointed as Conductor in the respondent Transport Corporation on 16.02.1992 and after completion of unblemished service, the petitioner had retired from service on 31.12.2022. However, the terminal benefits have been settled to the petitioner only on 30.10.2024 and no interest has been paid for the belated period. In view of the same, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 13.03.2025 to the respondent to pay interest for the belated 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 submits that in view of the similar order 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 respondents to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum 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 a copy of this order.



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

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To

The Managing Director,
The Managment of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai),
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