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W.P.No.22536 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

W.P.No.22536 of 2025

S.Kumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
3/137, Salamedu,
Villupuram-605 602.

2.The General Manager
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Villupuram) Ltd.
Vellore Region,
Rangapuram, Vellore-632009.

... Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum for the belated payment of his Provident Fund, Earned Leave Salary and Gratuity Amount within a time limit to be stipulated by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.J.Lakshminarayanan

For Respondents : M/s.S.Pavithra
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 interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum for the belated payment of his Provident Fund, Earned Leave Salary and Gratuity Amount, within a time limit to be stipulated by this Court.

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

4. It is the case of the petitioner is that the petitioner has joined in the 1st Respondent-Transport Corporation as Driver on 16.03.1990 and after rendering 32 years of unblemished service, he retired as Special Grade Driver



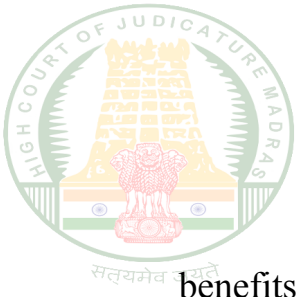
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on 30.06.2023. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though he retired from service during 2023, his terminal benefits were paid only from April-2025. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that there is a delay of 656 days in settling his retirement benefits. However, no interest was paid for the above period. In view of the same, the petitioner sent a representation dated 21.04.2025 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. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondents would fairly 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.

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 retirement benefits, from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursal of the terminal



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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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Speaking order

Neutral Citation : Yes/No



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