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W.P.No.22616 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 24.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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N.Gurunathan

... Petitioner

Vs.

The Management of
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Ltd,
Rep. By its Managing 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 01.06.2019 to 24.01.2021, 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.V.Ajoy Khose

For Respondent

: Mr.C.Gauthamaraj
Standing Counsel



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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 respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.06.2019 to 24.01.2021, 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.

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 was appointed as Driver in the Respondent-Corporation on 25.09.1993 and after rendering 26 years of service and on attaining the age of superannuation, he retired from service on 31.05.2019 as Special Grade



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Driver. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though he retired from service during 2019, his terminal benefits were paid only on 25.01.2021, after lapse of more than one year. However, no interest was paid for the above period. In view of the same, the petitioner has sent a representation dated 21.04.2025 to the respondent to pay interest for the delayed period. Since the same was not considered by the respondent, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. At this juncture, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent 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 respondent to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum upon the belated 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



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

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Management of Tamilnadu State Transport
Corporation (Kovai) Ltd,
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C.KUMARAPPAN, J.

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