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W.P.No.22775 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 26.06.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE **C.KUMARAPPAN**

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C.Dharmalingam

... 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, directing the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the period of delay from 01.07.2023 to 15.04.2025, 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 and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

For Petitioner

: Mr.V.Ajoy Khose

For Respondent

: Mr.M.Murali Vinoth,
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 01.07.2023 to 15.04.2025, 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 and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

2. It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner had retired from the services of the respondent on 30.06.2023 as Special Grade Driver, and made a representation dated 17.04.2025 to the respondent seeking interest for the belated settlement of terminal benefits, there was no response for the same.

3. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent would fairly concede 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



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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 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.

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

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Neutral Citation : Yes/No



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To

The Managing Director,
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