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W.P.No.24248 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 04.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

W.P.No.24248 of 2025

V.Ananda Jothi

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited,
Pallavan Illam, Mount Road, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.

2.Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust
Rep by its Administrator
Thiruvalluvar Illam, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

... Respondents

Prayer: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as gratuity, commutation of pension, provident fund and other retirement benefits payable to the petitioner with 12% rate of interest within the time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.



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For Petitioner	: Mr.L.Poovendra Perumal
For R1	: Mr.R.Balaji Standing Counsel
For R2	: Mr.C.S.K.Sathish 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 settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as gratuity, commutation of pension, provident fund and other retirement benefits payable to the petitioner with 12% rate of interest within the time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.

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



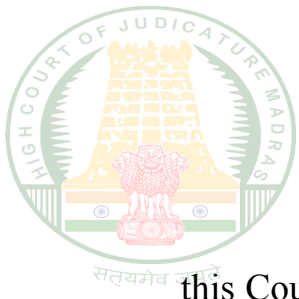
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4. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has joined in the services of the Respondent-Corporation on 21.12.1997 and after rendering 26 years of unblemished service, he retired from service on 30.06.2023 as Special Grade Driver. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though he retired from service during 2023, his terminal benefits were paid only on 16.04.2025, after lapse of 22 months. However, no interest was paid for the above period. In view of the same, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 14.05.2025 to the 1st respondent to pay interest for the delayed period. Since the same was not considered by the 1st respondent, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. At this juncture, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 1st 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,



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this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondents 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 of copy of this order.

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

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