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W.P.No.25610 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 15.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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C.Pachaiyappan

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd.,
Chennai – 600 002.

2.Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporations
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 pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of leave salary, Provident Fund, gratuity and commutation as sought for in his representation dated 21.06.2025 within a time to be stipulated by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.L.Chandrakumar
For R1 : Mr.A.Vinoth Raj
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 pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of leave salary, Provident Fund, gratuity and commutation as sought for in his representation dated 21.06.2025 within a time to be stipulated by this Court.

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



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petitioner was appointed as Driver in the Respondents-Transport Corporation on 01.07.1999 and after rendering 23 years of unblemished service and on attaining the age of superannuation, he retired from service on 31.05.2022 as Special Grade Driver. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit though he retired from service during 2022, his terminal benefits were settled belatedly, after a lapse of one year. However, no interest has been paid for the belated payment. The learned counsel for the petitioner would further submit that the petitioner is entitled for interest at the rate of 18% on the delayed payment. Hence, claiming the interest for the delayed payment, the petitioner has sent a representation to the 1st respondent on 21.06.2025 and such representation is pending with the 1st respondent. Therefore, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. At this juncture, the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 1st respondent would 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 1st respondent to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum upon the delayed 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 eight 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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C.KUMARAPPAN, J.

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