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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 22.07.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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L.Venugopal

... 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, Gratuity and Leave Salary 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, Gratuity and Leave Salary 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. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that the petitioner has joined in the services of the 1st Respondent-Transport



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Corporation as Conductor on 13.01.1988 and after rendering 35 years of service, he retired from service on 30.04.2023 as Senior Checking Inspector.

The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though he retired from service on 30.04.2023, the respondents settled his terminal benefits only on 12.02.2025, with a delay of 654 days. However, no interest was paid for the above period. In this connection, the petitioner has sent a representation on 19.05.2025 to the respondents and such representation is yet to be considered by the respondents. Therefore, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. The learned Standing Counsel 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,



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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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