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W.P.No.28760 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :05.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

W.P.No.28760 of 2025

P.Murugaesan

... 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

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as gratuity, provident fund, commutation of pension 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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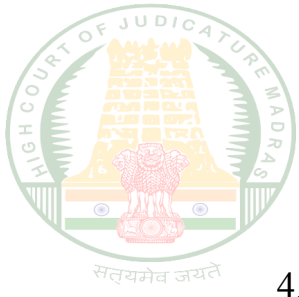
For Petitioner : Mr. L.Poovendra Perumal
For Respondents : Mr. R.Balaji,
Standing Counsel (for R1)
Mr. C.S.K.Satish,
Standing Counsel (for R2)

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 settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as gratuity, provident fund, commutation of pension 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 1st Respondent-Transport Corporation on 31.05.1995 and after rendering 28 years of 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 on 30.06.2023, the respondents settled his terminal benefits only on 16.04.2025, with a delay of 22 months. However, no interest was paid for the above period. In this connection, the petitioner has sent a representation on 17.06.2025 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 appearing 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.



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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, 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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Speaking order /Non Speaking Order

Neutral Citation : Yes/No

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C.KUMARAPPAN, J.

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