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W.P.No.29256 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED :05.08.2025

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THE HONOURABLE Mr.JUSTICE C.KUMARAPPAN

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M.Raju

... Petitioner

Vs.

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Ltd.,
Rep. by its The Managing Director,
No.12, Ramakrishna Road,
Salem-7.

... Respondent

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to pay the petitioner interest for the belated payment of 646 days in paying the petitioner PF, Gratuity and Earned Leave with interest at the rate of 12% within a specified time, as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr. V.Ajoy Khose

For Respondent : Mr.K.Raja, Standing Counsel



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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 pay the petitioner interest for the belated payment of 646 days in paying the petitioner PF, Gratuity and Earned Leave with interest at the rate of 12% within a specified time, as may be fixed 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 Respondent-Transport Corporation as Conductor on 14.05.1985 and after rendering 38 years of service, he retired from service on 30.06.2023 as Traffic Instructor. The learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that though the petitioner retired from service



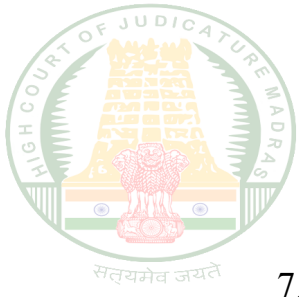
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on 30.06.2023, the respondent settled his terminal benefits only on 16.04.2025, with a delay of 646 days. However, no interest was paid for the above period. In this connection, the petitioner has sent a representation on 10.05.2025 to the respondent and such representation is yet to be considered by the respondent. Therefore, the present Writ Petition has been filed.

5. The learned Standing Counsel appearing for the 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, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondent 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.



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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

To

The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem) Ltd.,
No.12, Ramakrishna Road,
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