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W.P.No.36433 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 25.09.2025

CORAM:

THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE **A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA**

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V.Murugadass

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (VPM) Ltd.,
Villupuram Region,
No.3/137, Salamedu, Valudhareddy Post,
Villupuram – 605 602.

2. The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Post Retirement Welfare Fund Trust,
Tiruvalluvar House, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.

...Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest to the petitioner at the rate of 8% per annum for the belated payment of retirement benefits for the period of 30.06.2023 to 16.04.2025 i.e., 657 days on Provident Fund, Gratuity, Leave Amount, Commuted Pension and other retirement benefits, within a specific time.



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For Petitioner : Mr.R.Yash Rathi

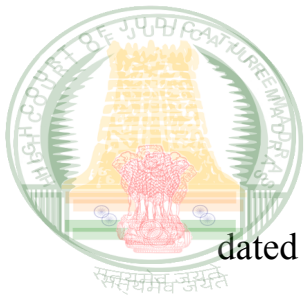
For Respondents : Ms.S.Pavithra, Standing Counsel, for R1
: Mr.C.S.K.Sathish, Standing Counsel, for R2

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 8% per annum in favour of the petitioner for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as Provident Fund, Gratuity, Leave Amount, Commuted Pension and other retirement benefits for the period from 30.06.2023 to 16.04.2025.

2. Ms.S.Pavithra, learned Standing Counsel takes notice on behalf of the 1st respondent, Mr.C.S.K.Sathish, learned Standing Counsel takes notice on behalf of the 2nd respondent. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel on either side, this writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. When the matter is taken up for hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioner brought to the notice of this Court the order passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in a similar matter in W.P.No.25610 of 2024



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dated 03.09.2024, wherein this Court had directed the respondent therein to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of terminal benefits to the petitioner therein within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of the order.

4. Learned Standing Counsels appearing for the respective respondents did not dispute the above submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. This Court perused the order passed in W.P.No.25610 of 2024, wherein, this Court has held as under :-

“5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the grievance expressed by the petitioner, there shall be a direction to the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of terminal benefits to the petitioner within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that if the amount is not paid within the time frame fixed by this Court, it will fetch interest at the rate of 12% p.a. from the date on which the amount became due and payable till the date of actual realisation.”



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6. The aforesaid decision is squarely applicable to the facts of the present case. Accordingly, applying the ratio laid down in the above case, this writ petition stands disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of terminal benefits such as, Provident Fund, Gratuity, Leave Amount, Commuted Pension and other retirement benefits for the period from 30.06.2023 to 16.04.2025, in favour of the petitioner within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. It is made clear that, if the amount is not paid within the time frame fixed by this Court, it will fetch interest at the rate of 9% p.a. from the date on which the amount became due and payable till the date of actual realisation. No costs.

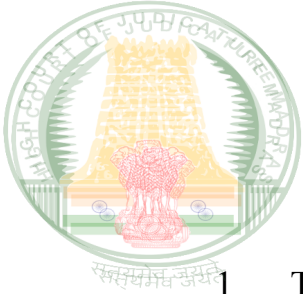
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