



W.P.No.37561 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

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DATED : 07.10.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE A.D.JAGADISH CHANDIRA

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1.K.Bhaskaran

2.M.Arokiasamy

... Petitioners

Versus

M/s Metropolitan Transport Corporation,
Rep., by its Managing Director,
No.1, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai-600 002.

.. Respondent

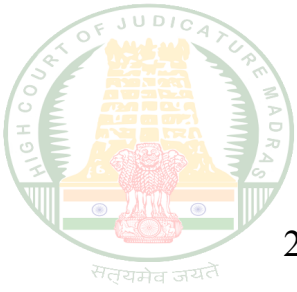
Prayer: Writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying to issue a Writ of directing the respondent herein to settle 12 percent interest for the belated settlement of retirement benefits to the petitioners herein by considering the representation dated 06.08.2025 of the petitioners 1 and 2 herein representation dated 02.09.2025 of the 1st petitioner herein and representation dated 20.09.2025 of the 2nd petitioner herein.

For Petitioners : Mr.D.Soundar Raj

For Respondents : Mr.R.Balaji, Standing Counsel (MTC)

ORDER

Aggrieved by the belated settlement of retirement benefits, the petitioners have come up with this Writ petition seeking interest at the rate of 12% per annum, for the said delay caused on the part of the respondent.



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2. Mr.R.Balaji, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice on behalf of the 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 petitioners brought to the notice of this Court the order passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in a similar matter in W.P.No.25610 of 2024 dated 03.09.2024, wherein this Court had directed the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of terminal benefits to the petitioners therein within a period of six (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. He had also submitted that seeking 12% interest on the belated settlement of retirement benefits, the petitioners had also given representations on 06.08.2025 and 02.09.2025 and 20.09.2025.

4. Learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent did not dispute the above submission made by the learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. This Court perused the order passed in W.P.No.25610 of 2024,



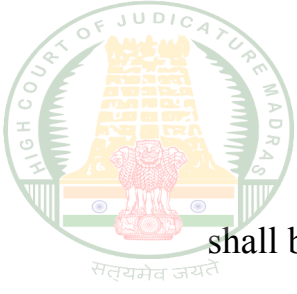
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wherein, this Court has held as under :-

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“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.”

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 respondent to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as, Provident Fund, Gratuity, Pension commutation and Earned Leave amount to the petitioners within a period of eight (8) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order by considering the representations of the petitioners dated 06.08.2025 and 02.09.2025 and 20.09.2025. 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. There



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shall be no order as to costs.

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