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W.P.Nos.37542 and 37545 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 08.10.2025

CORAM:

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

W.P.Nos.37542 and 37545 of 2025

S.Gurunathan

... Petitioner in W.P.No.37542 of 2025

P.Sekar

... Petitioner in W.P.No.37545 of 2025

Vs.

1. The Managing Director,

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

2. The General Manager,

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (VPM) Ltd.,
Kancheepuram Regional Office,
Ponnerikarai, Chennai – Bangaluru Highway,
Kancheepuram – 631 552.

3. The Administrator,

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar House,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai – 600 002.

...Respondents in both W.Ps.

Common Prayer: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest amounts to the petitioner for the belatedly paid Service gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Salary and Commutation of Pension at the rate of 6% per annum for 16 months of delayed payment in the light of the Judgment passed by this Court on 23.10.2024 in W.P.No.30766 of 2024.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ishak



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in both W.Ps

For Respondents : Ms.S.Pavithra, Standing Counsel
in both W.Ps

COMMON ORDER

Aggrieved by the belated payment of Service gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Salary and Commutation of Pension, the petitioners have come up with the writ petitions seeking interest, for the said delay caused on the part of the respondents.

2. Ms.S.Pavithra, learned Standing Counsel takes notice on behalf of the respondents.

3. In view of the consent expressed by the learned counsel on either side, the writ petitions are taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

4. When the matter was taken up for hearing, the learned counsel for the petitioners 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 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.

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

6. 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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The aforesaid decision is squarely applicable to the facts of the present cases.

7. Accordingly, applying the ratio laid down in the above case, the writ petitions stand disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of Service gratuity, Provident Fund, Leave Salary and Commutation of Pension to 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. There shall be no order as to costs.

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