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W.P.No.38499 of 2025

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 14.10.2025

CORAM:

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

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R.L.Ranganathan

...Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
3/137, Salamedu, Valudhareddy Post,
Villupuram – 605 602.

2. The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Villupuram) Ltd.,
Vellore Regional Office,
Vellore – 632 009.

...Respondents

Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest amounts to the petitioner for the belatedly paid Provident Fund and Service Gratuity at the rate of 6% per annum for 23 months of delayed payment in the light of the judgment passed by this Hon'ble Court on 23.10.2024 in W.P.No.30766 of 2024.



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For Petitioner : Mr.N.Ishak

For Respondents : Ms.S.Pavithra, St.C (TNSTC)

ORDER

Aggrieved by the belated payment of retirement benefits such as Provident Fund and Service Gratuity, the present writ petition has been filed seeking interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the said delay of 23 months, in the light of the order passed by this Court on 23.10.2024 in W.P.No.30766 of 2024.

2. Ms.S.Pavithra, learned Standing Counsel takes notice on behalf of the respondents. 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.30766 of 2024 dated 23.10.2024, wherein this Court had directed the respondents therein to



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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 Counsel appearing for the 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.30766 of 2024, wherein, this Court has held as under :-

“5. Taking into consideration the facts and circumstances of the case and the materials available on record, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent Corporation to pay the eligible amount as payable to the petitioner along with interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the delay period in settling the said amount. This payment shall be made within a period of six 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 an interest at the rate of 12% per annum 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 and Service Gratuity, in favour of the petitioner, within a period of twelve (12) 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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