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W.P.Nos.44206 of 2025 and etc batch

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 18.11.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.K.ILANTHIRAIYAN

W.P.Nos.44206, 44207, 44209, 44214, 44216 & 44218 of 2025

W.P.No.44206 of 2025

N.Panneerselvam

.... Petitioners

Vs

1.The Managing Director,
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Limited,
Pallavan Illam,
Mount Road,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai – 600 002.

2.Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Rep. by its Administrator,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai – 600 002.

.... Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for the issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle the interest for the belated payment of retirement benefits such as Provident Fund, gratuity, Earned Leave Surrender and other retirement benefits payable to the petitioner with 12% rate of interest within the time frame that may be stipulated by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.L.Poovendra Perumal
(in all W.Ps)

For Respondents : Mr.A.Vinothraj
(in all W.Ps) Standing Counsel

COMMON ORDER

These Writ Petitions have been filed for direction directing the respondents to pay appropriate interest to the petitioners for the delayed sanction and disbursement of retirement benefits.

2. Heard the learned counsel appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

3. In identical issues, this Court has passed various orders, justifying the payment of interest to the aggrieved pensioners and in the order dated 13.12.2019 in W.P.(MD) No.26481 of 2019, the following order came to be passed :-

“5. I am not in agreement with the said representation made. There was already a duty cast on the respondent Corporation to pay the terminal benefits on the date of retirement itself and the very fact that the belated disbursement of retirement benefit, had already put the retired employee to serious prejudice, entertaining



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the present request for disbursement of the interest on the belated payment in installments, could cause further prejudice to the retired employee.

6. *In the light of the above observations, there shall be a direction to the respondent / Corporation to pay the penal interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated payment of the retirement benefits for the period from the date of the retirement, till the date of the actual disbursement, as expeditiously as possible and in any event, not before the expiry of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.*

4. This Court is of the view that the respondents could be directed to pay the interest on the belated payment, at the rate of 6% per annum, as ordered in the above writ petitions.

5. In the light of the above findings, there shall be a direction to the respondents herein to pay the interest on the belated payment of the terminal benefits to the petitioners at the rate of 6% per annum, commencing from the date of the retirement, till the date of actual disbursement, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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6. With the above direction, these Writ Petitions are disposed of. No costs.

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To

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