

W.P.(MD)No.8479 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 27.03.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

W.P.(MD)No.8479 of 2025

G.Mahalingam

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Madurai Division,
Bye Pass Road,
Madurai -625 016.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Madurai Region,
Bye Pass Road,
Madurai -625 016.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay 6% interest amount of Rs.4,35,541/- for the belated payment of Terminal Benefits Amount of Rs.40,57,486/- from the date of petitioner's retirement i.e. on 30.04.2023 to till the date of actual payment made to him i.e. 12.02.2025.

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For Petitioner : Mr.A.K.Thangavelu
For R1 & R2 : Mr.Gladson Michael Rajadurai
Standing Counsel
For R3 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay 6% interest amount of Rs.4,35,541/- for the belated payment of Terminal Benefits Amount of Rs.40,57,486/- from the date of petitioner's retirement i.e. on 30.04.2023 to till the date of actual payment made to him i.e. on 12.02.2025.

2. The petitioner was appointed as Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 08.12.1994 and he retired from service on 30.04.2023. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's terminal benefits was not settled immediately and there is an abnormal delay.

3. In view of the same, the only issue to be considered in this Writ Petition is with regard to interest payable on the belated settlement. This issue was dealt with by this Court on various occasions and this Court passed orders



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in several Writ Petitions. In fact, the issue involved in this writ petition is no longer *res-integra*.

4. This Court in W.P(MD)No.4866 of 2023 (C.MuruganVs. the Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd., and Another) by order dated 07.03.2023 has decided this issue.

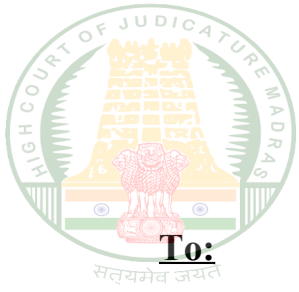
5. Accordingly, by following the order stated supra, this Writ Petition is allowed with the following direction:

The respondents shall pay interest to the petitioner at the rate of 6% per annum on the belated payment of the retirement benefits commencing from the date of retirement, till the date of actual disbursement, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. No costs.

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