



W.P.(MD)No.8393 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 26.03.2025

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**THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**

**W.P.(MD)No.8393 of 2025**

M.Samikkannu

... Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director,  
State Express Transport Corpn., (TN) Ltd.,  
Corporate Office,  
No.2, Pallavan Salai,  
Chennai 600 002.

2.The Financial Advisor,  
State Express Transport Corp., (TN) Ltd.,  
Corporate Office,  
No.2, 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 disburse the interest at the rate of 6% as per court direction for belated payment of terminal benefits of Gratuity, Provident Fund and Leave Salary for its total amount comes to Rs.17,32,514/- thro' deposited into Bank dated on 10.03.2025 to the petitioner.



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For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gokul

For Respondents : Mr.K.Senthil Kumar  
Standing Counsel

### **ORDER**

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to disburse the interest at the rate of 6% as per court direction for belated payment of terminal benefits of Gratuity, Provident Fund and Leave Salary for its total amount comes to Rs.17,32,514/- thro' deposited into Bank dated on 10.03.2025 to the petitioner.

2. The petitioner was appointed as Driver in the respondent Corporation on 17.03.2000 and he retired from service on 31.05.2023. 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 in several Writ Petitions. In fact, the issue involved in this writ petition is no longer *res-integra*.



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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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**BATTU DEVANAND, J.**

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