



W.P.(MD)No.9720 of 2025

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DATED : 07.04.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

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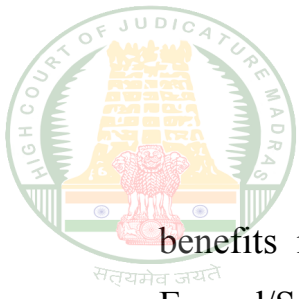
... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli)) Ltd.,
Rep by its Managing Director , Tirunelveli Division,
Kattapomman Nagar, V.M. Chathiram,
Tirunelveli.
2. Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd.,
Rep by its General Manaer, Nagercoil Region,
Ranithottam, Nagercoil.
3. The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pensions Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Anna Salai,
Chennai – 2.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to pay interest at the rate of 12 % per annum, for the period of delay from the date of superannuation of petitioner's husband in service (31.05.2023) to till the date of reimbursement (10.03.2025) of amount paid towards petitioner's husband terminal and pension



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benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned/Sick Leave, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugan

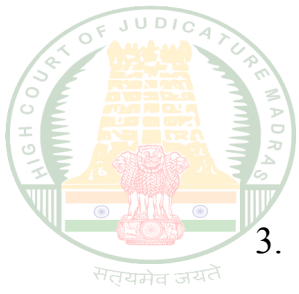
For R1 & R2 : Mr.D.Jebaraj
Standing Counsel

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 interest at the rate of 12 % per annum, for the period of delay from the date of superannuation of petitioner's husband in service (31.05.2023) to till the date of reimbursement (10.03.2025) of amount paid towards petitioner's husband terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Earned/Sick Leave.

2. The petitioner's husband was appointed as Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 19.05.1986, he retired on 31.05.2023 and he died on 11.05.2024. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's husband's terminal benefits was not settled immediately and there is an abnormal delay.



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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*.

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 her husband's retirement benefits commencing from the date of retirement, till date of actual disbursement, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.



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WEB COPY There shall be no order as to costs.

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