



W.P.(MD)No.10972 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

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DATED : 21.04.2025

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND

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M.Dhamodaran

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(Kumbakonam) Limited
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Kumbakonam.

2. The General Manager
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited,
Trichy Region,
Trichy 620 001

3. The General Manager
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited,
Karur Region,
Karur 639 002

4. The Chief Financial Officer
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited,
Kumbakonam 612 001.

5. The Administrator
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Retired
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
No.2, Thiruvalluvar Illam, SETC Head Office,
Pallavan Salai, Chennai 600 002

... Respondents



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PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, to direct the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum, for the delayed payment of retirement benefits including Provident Fund, Earned Leave and 1998 ML encashment and Commutation amount.

For Petitioner	: Mr.D.Siva Raman
For Respondent Nos.1 to 4	: Mr.K.Ramaiah Standing Counsel
For Respondent No.5	: Mr.S.C.Herold Singh Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay the 18% interest for the belated payment of the petitioner's retirement benefits i.e., Provident Fund, Earned Leave encashment & 1998 ML encashment and Commutation amount from the date of retirement to the actual date of payment of retirement benefits to the petitioner.



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WEB COP 2. The petitioner was appointed as Junior Tradesman in the respondent Corporation 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*.

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.



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WEB COPY 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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