

W.P(MD)No.11850 of 2025

WEB COPY

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 25.04.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**

**W.P.(MD)No.11850 of 2025**

N.Kannan

...Petitioner

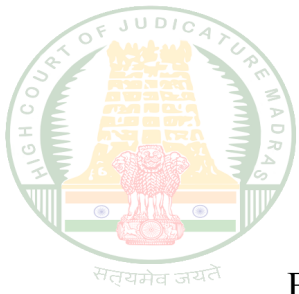
**Vs.**

1. The Management Of  
State Express Transport  
Corporation (Tamilnadu) Ltd,  
Represented by its Managing Director,  
Pallavan Salai,  
Chennai - 2.

2. The Administrator,  
Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Employees Pension Fund Trust,  
Thiruvalluvar Illam,  
Anna Salai,  
Chennai – 2.

...Respondents

**Prayer:** Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, in the nature of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum the period of delay from 01.05.23 to 11.02.25 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal / pension benefits namely EPF Employees contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of leave and commuted Value of pension within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



W.P(MD)No.11850 of 2025

WEB COPY

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam  
For R1 : Mr.K.SenthilKumar  
Standing Counsel  
For R2 : 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 petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum the period of delay from 01.05.23 to 11.02.25 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal / pension benefits namely EPF Employees contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of leave and commuted Value of pension within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

2. The petitioner was appointed as Driver in the respondent Corporation on 09.07.1991 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



W.P(MD)No.11850 of 2025

WEB COPY

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.Murugan Vs. 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 respondent 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 date of actual disbursement, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

There shall be no order as to costs.

25.04.2025

4/5

Index : Yes / No  
Internet : Yes / No  
NCC : Yes / No

GVN



WEB COPY



W.P(MD)No.11850 of 2025

**BATTU DEVANAND, J.**

GVN

To,

1. The Management Of  
State Express Transport  
Corporation (Tamilnadu) Ltd,  
Represented by its Managing Director,  
Pallavan Salai,  
Chennai - 2.

2. The Administrator,  
Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Employees Pension Fund Trust,  
Thiruvalluvar Illam,  
Anna Salai,  
Chennai – 2.

**W.P.(MD)No.11850 of 2025**

**25.04.2025**  
**(4/5)**