

W.P(MD)No.11932 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 25.04.2025

CORAM:

**THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BATTU DEVANAND**

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K.Murugesan

...Petitioner

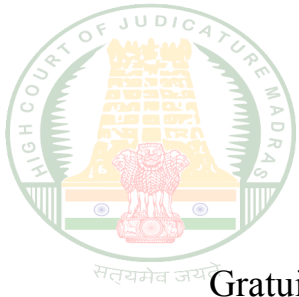
**Vs.**

1. The Management of,  
The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation Ltd.,  
Represented by its General Manager,  
Pallavan Salai,  
Chennai - 2.

2. The Administrator,  
Tamil Nadu State Transport  
Employees Pensions 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 interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the period of delay from the petitioners dated of retirement 31.05.2023 to till the date of reimbursement 10.03.2025 of amount paid towards the petitioners terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employees contribution



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Gratuity Encashment of Earned Sick Leaves and other monetary benefits etc., within a time frame as may be fixed by this Honourable Court without affecting the petitioners right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits and pass such other or further orders as this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.R.Murugan

For R1 & R2 : Mr.K.Senthil Kumar  
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 petitioners dated of retirement 31.05.2023 to till the date of reimbursement 10.03.2025 of amount paid towards the petitioners terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employees contribution Gratuity Encashment of Earned Sick Leaves and other monetary benefits etc., within a time frame as may be fixed by this Honourable Court without affecting the petitioners right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



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2. The petitioner was appointed as Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 01.04.1992 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.

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



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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 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.

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**BATTU DEVANAND, J.**

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