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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 19.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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P.Murugiah

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The Management of Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd., Tirunelveli Region,
Rep. by its General Manager, Tirunelveli.

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

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the period of delay from 01.06.2023 to 09.03.2025 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal and pensionary benefits namely, EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leaves / already Surrendered Earned Leaves 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.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For R1 : Mr.K.Ramaiah
Standing Counsel
For R2 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the period of delay from 01.06.2023 to 09.03.2025 in paying the petitioner's terminal and pensionary benefits.

2. The petitioner was appointed as a Driver in the respondent Corporation on 18.03.1993 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.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 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.

NCC : Yes / No
Index : Yes / No
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To:-

1. The General Manager,
The Management of Tamil Nadu State Transport
Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd., Tirunelveli Region,
Tirunelveli.



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2. The Administrator,
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