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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: **06.06.2025**

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE **MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH**

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S.Velsamy

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Additional Chief Secretary to Government,
Revenue and Disaster Management Department,
Secretariat,
Chennai - 600009.

2. The Additional Chief Secretary / Commissioner
of Revenue Administration,
Ezhilagam,
Chepauk, Chennai - 600005.

3. The District Collector,
Thoothukudi District,
Thoothukudi.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the 1st respondent i.e., the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai to sanction interest to the petitioner for the period of pendency of judicial proceedings towards belated payment of pension, DCRG and commutation of pension within a specified time frame that may be fixed by this Court.



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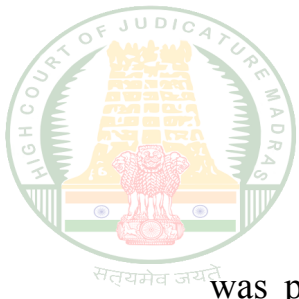
For Petitioner : Mr.S.Visvalingam
For Respondents : Mr.S.R.A.Ramachandhran
Additional Government Pleader

ORDER

This writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus directing the 1st respondent i.e., the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Chennai to sanction interest to the petitioner for the period of pendency of judicial proceedings towards belated payment of pension, DCRG and commutation of pension within a specified time frame that may be fixed by this Court.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Additional Government Pleader appearing on behalf of the respondents. By consent of both parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. The petitioner was lastly serving as Deputy Tahsildar and his date of superannuation on 31.07.2013. However, he was not allowed to retire and placed under suspension on 31.07.2013, since a criminal case



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was pending. The said case was ended in acquittal in the year 2017 itself. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's terminal benefits was not settled immediately and there is an abnormal delay.

4. 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*.

5. 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.

6. 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



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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. No costs.

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