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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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S.Ponnappan

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Tirunelveli) Ltd.,
Nagercoil Region,
Rani Thottam,
Kanniyakumari.

2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu Stat Transport Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 600 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the period of delay from 01.07.2023 to 16.04.2025 in paying the amounts paid towards the terminal benefits, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.G.M.Xavier

For R1 : Mr.D.Jebaraj
Standing Counsel



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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 01.07.2023 to 16.04.2025 in paying the amounts towards the terminal benefits.

2. The petitioner was appointed as a Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 25.09.1997 and he retired from service on 30.06.2023. 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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