



W.P.(MD)No.15872 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 11.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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S.Shanmugam

... Petitioner

-VS-

The Managing Director,

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Limited,

Kumbakonam – 612 001.

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the delayed payment of Gratuity and Commutation from the date of retirement to the date of payment to the petitioner, within the time stipulated by this Court.

For Petitioner

: Mr.S.Boominathan

For Respondent

: Mr.K.Ramaiah

Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the petitioner's terminal benefits.



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2. The petitioner was appointed as a 'Driver' in the respondent Corporation on 27.02.1992 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*.

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



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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
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