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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 18.06.2025

CORAM:

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

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R.Kanagaraj

: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Ltd.,
No.37, Mettupalayam Road,
Coimbatore - 641 043.

2. The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Kovai) Ltd.,
Coimbatore Region,
Mettupalayam Road,
Coimbatore - 641 043.

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents to settled the interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum for the belated payment of petitioner's terminal benefits including Gratuity, Provident Fund, Earn Leave Salary and Old Earn Leave Salary from the date of the petitioner's retirement to till the date on which the said benefits were settle to him within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Prasanth

For Respondents : Mr.K.Ramaiah



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ORDER

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This writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to settle the interest at the rate of 6 percent per annum for the belated payment of petitioner's terminal benefits including Gratuity, Provident Fund, Earn Leave Salary and Old Earn Leave Salary from the date of the petitioner's retirement to till the date on which the said benefits were settle to him within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

2. Heard the learned on either side. By consent of both parties, the writ petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.

3. The petitioner was appointed as Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 20.12.1995 and he retired from service on 21.05.2023. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's terminal benefits was not settled immediately and there is an abnormal delay.

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



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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 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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