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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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: Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Management of
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation
(Madurai) Limited,
Madurai Region,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Madurai.

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

: Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum, for the period of delay from 01.06.2023 to 09.03.2025 in payment of petitioner's terminal and pension benefits including Employees' Provident Fund, Gratuity, Encashment of leave and commutated value of pension, within a time frame and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam

For Respondents : Mr.Gladson Michael Rajadurai

for R1

Mr.S.C.Herold Singh for R2

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum to the petitioner, for the period of delay from 01.06.2023 to 09.03.2025 towards payment of terminal and pension benefits including Employees' Provident Fund, Gratuity, Encashment of leave and commuted value of pension, without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the parties. By consent of both parties, the Writ Petition is taken up for final disposal at the admission stage itself.



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3. The petitioner was appointed as a Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 24.02.1989 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.

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.MuruganVs. 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:



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The respondent 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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