

W.P.(MD)No.16608 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT
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DATED : 20.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

W.P.(MD)No.16608 of 2025

T.Thiyagarajan

... Petitioner

-VS-

**(*)The Management of
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Kumbakonam.**

... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 01.05.2023 to 11.02.2025 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employee's contribution, Gratuity and Encashment of Leave, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam

**For Respondent : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel**



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ORDER

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This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the belated payment of the petitioner's terminal benefits.

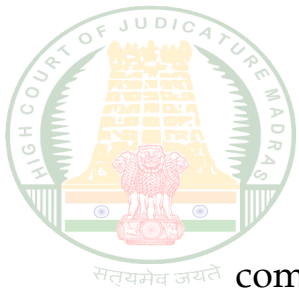
2. The petitioner was appointed as a Driver in the respondent Corporation on 23.03.1988 and he retired from service on 30.04.2023. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner's terminal benefits was not settled immediately and there is an abnormal delay.

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 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.

There shall be no order as to costs.

Sd/-

Assistant Registrar (CS – II)

(*)Amended as per order of this Court dated 17/07/2025 made in WMP(MD)No. 14920 of 2025 in WP (MD) No.16608 of 2025

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Madurai Bench of Madras High Court,
Madurai.

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To:-

(*)To be substituted to the order which already despatched on 09/07/2025

**(*)1. The Management of
Tamilnadu State Transport Corporation (Kumbakonam) Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
Kumbakonam.**

2. The Managing Director,
The Management of State Express
Transport Corporation (Tamil Nadu) Ltd.,
Pallavansalai, Madurai - 2.



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