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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED: 23.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

W.P.(MD) No.16825 of 2025

K.Rengasamy : Petitioner

Vs.

1.The Managing Director
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(KMB) Limited,
Kumbakonam.

2.The General Manager,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
(KMB) Limited,
Pudukottai Region,
Pudukottai.

3.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation
Employees Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Pallavan Salai,
Chennai – 02. : Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petitions filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of petitioner's terminal benefits including provident fund, gratuity terminal leave salary and commuted value of pension from the date of retirement from 30.06.2023 to 16.04.2023, the date on which the said benefits were

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settled to him.

For Petitioner : Mr.A.Rahul
For Respondent : Mr.K.Ramaiah
Standing Counsel for R1 and R2
Mr.S.C.Herold Singh for R3

O R D E R

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to settle interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of petitioner's terminal benefits including provident fund, gratuity terminal leave salary and commuted value of pension from the date of retirement from 30.06.2023 to 16.04.2023, the date on which the said benefits were settled to him..

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.

3. The petitioner was appointed as Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 29.08.1989 and he retired from service on 30.06.2023. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the

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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:

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,

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within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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