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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

W.P.(MD)No.17327 of 2025

P.Selvaraj ... Petitioner

-vs-

1.The Management of Tamil Nadu State
Transport Corporation (Thirunelveli) Limited,
Nagercoil Region,
Rep. by its General Manager, Nagercoil. ... Respondent

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18 percentage per annum, for the period of delay from 01.07.23 to 15.04.25, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employees Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leaves, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Honble Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For Respondents : Mr.K.Ramaiah
TNSTC Standing Counsel

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ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18 percentage per annum, for the period of delay from 01.07.23 to 15.04.25, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employees Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leaves, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

2. The petitioner was appointed as a Junior Tradesman in the respondent Corporation on 23.11.1996 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*.

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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 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.

There shall be no order as to costs.

NCC : Yes / No
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