



W.P.(MD)No.17224 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 26.06.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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P.Jayabal

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The Managing Director,
State Express Transport Corpn., (TN) Ltd.,
Corporate Office, No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

2.The Financial Advisor,
State Express Transport Corpn., (TN) Ltd.,
Corporate Office, No.2, Pallavan Salai,
Chennai - 600 002.

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to disburse the interest at the rate of 6% as per Court's direction for belated payment of terminal benefits of Gratuity, Provident Fund and Leave Salary for its total amount comes to Rs.26,75,958/- deposited into Bank on 10.03.2025, to the petitioner.

For Petitioner : Mr.K.Gokul

For Respondents : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel



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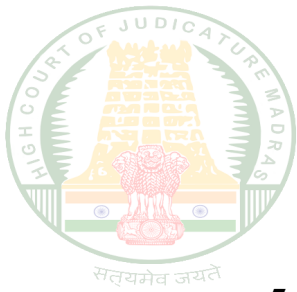
ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to disburse interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of retirement benefits, namely, Gratuity, Provident Fund and Leave Salary, for its total amount comes to Rs.26,75,958/- deposited into Bank on 10.03.2025, to the petitioner.

2. The petitioner was appointed as a Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 10.04.1989 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.

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.



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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
Index : Yes / No
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