



W.P.(MD)No.18003 of 2025

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BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 03.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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J.Angelin Thangakani

... Petitioner

-VS-

1.The Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Madurai) Ltd.,
Represented by its Managing Director,
Madurai.

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

... Respondents

PRAYER: Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondents to settle the interest at the rate of 6 % per annum for the belated payment of terminal benefits of the petitioner's husband Late.M.Thirugnanam's death cum terminal benefits including Provident Fund and Gratuity totalling to a sum of Rs.14,78,094/- (Fourteen Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand and Ninety Four Only) from the date of his death to till the date on which the said benefits were settled to the petitioner.

For Petitioner

: Mr.A.Rahul



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For Respondents

: Mr.S.Ramachandra Pradeep
Standing Counsel

ORDER

The instant writ petition has been filed by the wife of a deceased employee of the respondent Transport Corporation, seeking a Mandamus, directing the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of terminal benefits of her deceased husband.

2. According to the learned counsel appearing for the writ petitioner, the petitioner's husband was employed as a Driver with the respondent Transport Corporation. While serving as a Special Grade Driver, he passed away on 30.06.2021. However, his terminal benefits were disbursed to the petitioner only after a delay. Therefore, the petitioner submitted a representation on 19.02.2025, seeking interest for the belated payment. Since there was no response from the respondent authorities, the present writ petition has been filed.

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



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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 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 death of the deceased employee, till the 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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