



W.P.(MD)No.18291 of 2025

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 07.07.2025

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE VIVEK KUMAR SINGH

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C.Muthiah

... Petitioner

-VS-

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

2.The Administrator,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Employees' Pension Fund Trust,
Thiruvalluvar Illam,
Anna Salai, Chennai - 2.

... Respondents

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% per annum for the period of delay from 01.07.2023 to 15.04.2025 in paying the amounts paid towards the petitioner's terminal benefits namely, EPF Employees Contribution, Encashment of Leaves and Commuted Value of Pension and from 01.07.2023 to 16.04.2025 in paying the amounts paid towards the petitioner's terminal benefits namely, Gratuity, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.



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For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam
For R1 : Mr.K.Ramaiah
Standing Counsel
For R2 : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents 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 Conductor in the respondent Corporation on 01.05.1995 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
Index : Yes / No
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To:-

1. The General Manager,
Management of Tamil Nadu State
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Pudukottai Region,
Pudukottai.



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2.The Administrator,
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