



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 24-03-2026

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THE HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE P.T. ASHA

WP No. 11194 of 2026

A.Dhavamani

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation (Salem)
Ltd,
Rep by its The Managing Director,
No 12 Ramakrishna Road,
Salem 7

..respondent(s)

Prayer: This writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to direct the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum to the petitioner for the belated payment of 1 year and 5 months in paying her the terminal benefits namely provident Fund, Gratuity, and Earned Leave Salary, within a specified time as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): M/s.R.Krishnaswamy

For respondent(s): Mr. K.Raja
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To direct the respondent to pay interest at the rate of 12 percent per annum to the petitioner for the belated payment of 1 year and 5 months in paying her the terminal benefits namely



provident Fund, Gratuity, and Earned Leave Salary, within a specified time as may be fixed by this Court.”

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2.The case of the petitioner is that her husband was appointed as a Driver in the respondent corporation on 27.07.1989 and retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2024. Thereafter, he expired on 28.02.2025. However, the terminal benefits have been settled to the petitioner only on 02.12.2025 and no interest has been paid for the delayed period. Therefore, the petitioner had submitted a representation to the respondents dated 16.12.2025, to pay interest for the delayed period. Since the same was not considered, the present writ petition has been filed.

3.The learned Standing Counsel for the respondent would fairly submit that they are willing to pay the interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the eligible and admissible amount.

4.Heard the learned counsel for both sides and perused the materials available on record.



5. In view of the above submission of the learned Standing Counsel, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of admissible terminal benefits from the date of retirement till the date of actual disbursal of the terminal benefits of the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

6. With the above direction, the writ petition is disposed of. No costs.

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Index: Yes/No
Speaking/Non-speaking order
Neutral Citation: Yes/No

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