



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 17-04-2026

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

WP No. 14109 of 2026

Lagumaiya .K(retd.)

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

The Managing director
Metropolitan Transport Corporation (Chennai) Ltd,
Pallavan House
Annasalai, Chennai 600002.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: This petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking writ of mandamus, directing the Respondent Corporation to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18 percentage per annum, for the period of delay from 30/06/2024 to 02/12/2025 (17 months) in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF Employees Contribution, Gratuity and Earned leave within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court.

For Petitioner(s): Mr. S.Sivaskandavarman

For Respondent(s): Mrs. Sharmila
Standing Counsel

ORDER

This writ petition is filed for the following relief:

“To direct the Respondent Corporation to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18 percentage per annum, for the period of delay from 30/06/2024 to 02/12/2025 (17 months) in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits namely EPF



Employees Contribution, Gratuity and Earned leave.”

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2.The case of the petitioner is that he was appointed in the respondent corporation on 31.05.1995 and retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2024. 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 12.02.2026, 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 respondent 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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