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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 12-01-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE M.DHANDAPANI

WP No. 245 of 2026

C.Panjacharam

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Metropolitan Transport Corporation Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Director,
No.2 Pallavan salai,
Chennai 600002.

..Respondent(s)

Prayer: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a Writ of Mandamus, directing the respondent to pay the petitioner interest for the belated payment of 21 months in paying P.F, Surrender leave salary and Gratuity at the rate of 12% per annum within a time frame as may be fixed by this Honble Court.

For Petitioner(s):	Krishnasamy R.
For Respondent(s):	R.Balaji

ORDER

This Writ Petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to pay interest for the belated payment of 21 months in paying P.F, Surrender leave salary and Gratuity to the petitioner at the rate of 12% per annum within a time frame as fixed by this Court.



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2. Heard the learned counsels appearing on either side. With the consent of both sides, the Writ Petition is taken up for hearing at the admission stage itself.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that he joined the service of the respondent Corporation on 17.10.1991 and retired on 30.04.2019. However, the retirement benefits such as PF, Gratuity, Surrender leave salary were paid to him on 22.01.2021 belatedly after 21 months without any interest. Therefore, the petitioner made a representation on 01.11.2025 claiming interest for the belated payment of PF, Gratuity and Surrender Leave salary, which evoked no response so far. Hence, the present Writ Petition.

4. In view of the limited request made by the petitioner with regard to interest on the belated settlement of retirement benefits, this Court directs the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 6% p.a. for the belated payment of retirement benefits as stated supra from the date of retirement to till the date of actual disbursement of the retirement benefits of the petitioner, if there is no other impediment in disbursing the same, within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order, taking into account the bank rate of interest on deposits.



5. Accordingly, this Writ Petition is disposed of. There shall be no order as to costs.

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

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To
The Managing Director,
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