



W.P.(MD) No.10775 of 2026

WEB COPY BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

DATED : 17.04.2026

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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R.Sakthivel

... Petitioner

-VS-

The Management of
State Express Transport
Corporation (Tamilnadu) Ltd.,
rep.by its Managing Director
Pallavan Salai, Chennai-2

... Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 16.10.2024 to 10.03.2026 in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal benefits, namely, EPF employee's contribution and gratuity, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court, without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits.

For Petitioner : Mr.S.Arunachalam

For Respondent : Mr.S.C.Herold Singh
Standing Counsel



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ORDER

Mr.S.C.Herold Singh, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for the respondent.

2. With the consent of both sides, this writ petition is disposed of at the admission stage.

3. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel appearing for the respondent.

4. Learned counsel on either side unanimously agree that the issue involved in this writ petition is squarely covered by various Judgments passed by the Division Bench of this Court in W.A.(MD) No.403 of 2010 and batch, dated 17.04.2014 and W.A.(MD) No.1419 of 2021 and batch, dated 26.07.2021.

5. In the said circumstances, this writ petition is allowed and the respondent is directed to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the petitioner's terminal benefits, namely, EPF employee's



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contribution and gratuity, from the date of his retirement till the date on which those benefits are paid to the petitioner. The respondent is further directed to comply with the said direction as expeditiously as possible, at any rate, within a period of five months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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