



WP(MD). No.11473 of 2026

BEFORE THE MADURAI BENCH OF MADRAS HIGH COURT

Dated : 21/04/2026

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THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MUMMINENI SUDHEER KUMAR

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A.Lambert Fernando

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Management of Tamilnadu,
State Transport Corporation
(Tirunelveli) Ltd,, Tirunelveli Region,
Rep. by its General Manager,
Tirunelveli..

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, praying this Court to issue a Writ of MANDAMUS directing the respondents to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18 percent per annum, for the period of delay from 01.12.25 to 10.03.26, in paying the amounts paid towards his terminal and pension benefits namely EPF Employees Contribution, Gratuity, Encashment of Leaves and Commutated value of pension, within a time frame as may be fixed by this Court and without affecting his right to claim balance amounts towards those benefits and thus render justice.



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

ORDER

Mr.S.C.Herold Singh, learned Standing Counsel, takes notice for the first respondent and Mr.K.Ramaiah, learned Standing Counsel takes notice for the second 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 respondents.

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 07.04.2014 and W.A.(MD) No.1419 of 2021 and batch, dated 26.07.2021.



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5. In the said circumstances, this writ petition is allowed and the respondents are directed to pay interest at the rate of 6% per annum for the belated payment of the petitioner's terminal benefits, including EPF Employee's Contribution, Gratuity Encashment of Earned/Sick Leave and other monetary benefits from the date of his retirement till the date on which the terminal benefits are paid to the petitioner. The respondents are 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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