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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 22-04-2026

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

W.P. No. 14782 of 2026

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Vellore Taluk, Vellore District- 632 009.

..Petitioner(s)

Vs.

The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu State Transport Corporation,
(Villupuram) Ltd.,
Head Office, No.3/137, Salamedu,
Villupuram – 605602.

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER: The Writ Petition is filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent Corporation to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 30.04.2025 to 11.03.2026 (10 months, 11 days) 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):

M/s.S.Pavithra
Standing Counsel



ORDER

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The Writ Petition is filed seeking the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus directing the respondent Corporation to pay the petitioner interest at the rate of 18% per annum for the period of delay from 30.04.2025 to 11.03.2026 (10 months, 11 days) 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.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he joined the services of the respondent Corporation on 16.04.1992 and retired from service holding the post of a Deputy Manager on 30.04.2025; however, the terminal benefits have been settled only on 11.03.2026. Therefore, the petitioner claimed 18% interest on the belated payment of terminal benefits and he has also made a representation dated 16.03.2026 to the respondent to pay interest for the belated payment of terminal benefits, which has not been evoked any response so far. Hence, the petitioner is before this Court.

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 counsels appearing on either side and perused the materials available on record.

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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 (6) weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

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

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