

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP NO.19276 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision: 11.9.2015

Jaideep Dhillon

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Kewal Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

The petitioner went on sanctioned study leave to Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, Orissa to pursue the Ph.D programme. The sanction was for six months covering duration of the course at the University. He returned within time and reported for duty on 1st January, 2012. His complaint is that he has not been paid salary for the study leave period from 1st July, 2011 till 31st December, 2011 to which he is entitled to under the rules. He has made a representation as also served a legal notice praying that he may be allowed arrears of salary which have not been paid to him so far.

In these circumstances, a direction is issued to the decision-maker in the respondents to consider and decide the legal notice dated 23rd July, 2015 (Annexure P-12) within two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. The monetary benefits are directed to be released to the petitioner within one month thereafter. Since arrears of salary are legally due and have been illegally withheld for an unreasonably long time, the arrears of salary would carry simple interest at the rate of 6% per annum, in case payment is delayed.

With the above directions, this petition is disposed of.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)

JUDGE

11.9.2015

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