

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.2258 of 2013**

**Date of Decision: 16.01.2015**

Geeta

....Petitioner

Vs.

UHBVNL and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH.**

**Present:** Mr. Ankur Lal, Advocate  
for Mr. A.K. Walia, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ramandeep Singh, Advocate  
for Mr. Dinesh Arora, Advocate  
for respondents No.1 to 4.

**Amol Rattan Singh, J (Oral)**

The only issue in this case is payment of interest to the petitioner, on delayed payment of service benefits, as became due to her on the death of her husband on 30.10.2010, while he was serving as a Junior Engineer with the respondent-Corporation.

The stand taken by the respondents in their reply, is that there was an order of the Civil Court dated 20.05.2011, restraining them from releasing 25% share of such benefits, in a suit filed by the petitioners' mother-in-law, seeking such 25% share of the service benefits.

It is not denied by the learned counsel appearing for the respondents that there was no restraint on payment of the remaining amount of 75% which was eventually paid on 31.07.2012, i.e. about one year 9 months after the death of the petitioners' husband.

As a matter of fact, even the injunction ordered in the civil suit, was so ordered only about 7 months after the death of the petitioners' husband.

Be that as it may, even giving some leeway for processing of papers after the sudden death of the petitioners' husband on 30.10.2010, it is not understood as to why the service benefits, at least to the extent of 75%, were not paid till 31.07.2012.

Consequently, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to calculate interest @ 7% per annum on the delayed payment of service benefits to the petitioner, from 01.02.2011 till 30.10.2011, and thereafter @ 10% per annum from 31.10.2010, till the actual date of payment thereof, i.e. 31.07.2012.

The above amount be calculated and paid to the petitioner within 3 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

In case it is not paid within the aforesaid three months, interest @ 18% p.a., from the date of expiry of the said three months (from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order) till the date that the actual payment is made, shall be paid to the petitioner, on the interest amount itself.

**January 16, 2015**  
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**(Amol Rattan Singh)**  
**Judge**