

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.21009 of 2014
Date of decision: 25.03.2015**

Subjinder Singh and others

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. S.K. Rattan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Rupam Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.

DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release monthly pension, arrears of pension along with interest as the same has not been released w.e.f. July, 2014 till filing of this petition.

Notice of motion was issued on 10.10.2014. In response thereto, reply on behalf of State has been filed which is on record.

Learned State counsel, on the basis of reply, submits that the amount of pension from July, 2014 to November, 2014 has already been released and the same has been received by the petitioners on 08.12.2014. Learned State counsel further submits that the amount of pension was not released because of poor financial condition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioners are entitled for pension and they are compelled to file the petition for release of their pension which is not only harassment to them but they have to incur the litigation expenses as well. Learned counsel also submits that a direction be issued to the respondents to release pension regularly in future as well.

Heard.

Although the amount of pension as claimed in the petition has been released to the petitioners but delay is there. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to ensure that the pension be released to the petitioners and other similarly situated employees within a period of 15 days when it becomes due, failing which the petitioners shall be entitled for interest @ 9% p.a. on the delayed payment.

(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

March 25, 2015
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