

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

CWP-2381-2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : 12.05.2015

Ranjit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

In the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner has sought quashing of order dated 04.11.2014 (Annexure P-13), thereby, rejecting his claim of interest over the delayed payment of retiral dues.

It is pleaded in the writ petition that it is evident from the perusal of application dated 05.12.2011 (Annexure P-1), that there was no delay on his part in furnishing the pension papers. Therefore, the petitioner is entitled to the grant of interest on the delayed payment. Reliance has also been placed on ***A.S. Randhawa Vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) SCT 468.***

On the other hand, the learned State counsel has filed reply in the Court, which is taken on record. It is contended that the delay in

making the payment of retiral benefits is on account of non-submission of pension forms in time, by the petitioner.

From the perusal of Annexure P-1, it is evident that the petitioner has requested the respondent for timely release of retiral benefits well before his retirement. On the other hand, it is also admitted case of the parties that the dues were paid to the petitioner at a belated stage.

In the circumstances, the present petition is allowed and the petitioner is held entitled to interest @ 8% p.a. on his retiral dues, from the date of his retirement till the same are paid.

Disposed of.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE