

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

CWP No.24828 of 2014

Date of Decision:.21.08.2015

Baldev Raj

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. J. S. Lalli, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vishnav Gandhi, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

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

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner who was working as a peon with the respondent Municipal Council, Batala (hereinafter referred to as the Council) retired from service on 31.07.2014. The present petition has been filed for release of his retrial benefits. It is admitted that the entire retrial benefits have been released to the petitioner. However, the gratuity, arrears of revised pension third installment (30% of provident fund) and pension contribution was released after about six months of the retirement of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays that for the delayed release of the above benefits, he be granted interest. On the other hand

counsel for the respondents have submitted that the delay if any was due to the legal formalities which are required for releasing the above said amounts and that the same was unintentional.

Keeping in view the above facts, according to me the equities would be balanced by awarding to the petitioner instead of the interest so prayed for, a lump sum amount of Rs.10,000/- the same be paid by the respondent-Council within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

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