

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

CWP No.25154 of 2015
Decided on: 02.12.2015

Davinder Singh

.... Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab & ors.

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Ranjivan Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

G.S.Sandhawalia, J.(Oral)

The petitioner seeks the release of General Provident Fund (GPF) and Group Insurance Scheme (GIS) along with interest @ 18% per annum. The relief is claimed on the strength of Full Bench judgment of this Court in ***A.J.Randhawa vs. State of Punjab, 1998(1) SCT 343*** on account of delay of disbursement since the petitioner has stated to have retired on 31.01.2015 after extension of one year in service as S.S.Master in Govt. Sr. Sec. School, Kherar Achharwal, Distt. Hoshiarpur.

The case of the petitioner is that on 17.03.2015 , the pension payment order (Annexure P-1) was allotted to him and the pension and the retiral gratuity/DCRG was duly released. However, GPF to the tune of about Rs.19 lacs was not released and he had also made a representation on 18.09.2015 (Annexure P-2) on which no action has been taken.

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.S.Sidhu, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Keeping in view the limited relief sought, this Court does not feel necessary to call upon the respondents to file reply. Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2 to ensure that the amount due in the form of General Provident Fund be released to the petitioner within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order along with interest @ 9% on account of alleged delay. Needless to say, in case, the interest element is to be denied, a speaking order be passed and be duly conveyed to the petitioner.

02.12.2015

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**