

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

CWP No.4766 of 2013 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 15.09.2015.

Neelam Kumari and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE P.B. BAJANTHRI

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present: Mr. Ashish Pannu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sourabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

P.B. BAJANTHRI, J.(Oral)

Petitioners are legal representatives of one Sh. Vijender Singh, Gram Sachiv. On 08.09.2006, deceased Sh. Vijender Singh was murdered. In the criminal proceedings, deceased's wife Smt. Neelam was also stated to be involved. In this background, legal representatives of the deceased Vijender Singh was not granted ex-gratia amount and other retiral benefits which were due to the deceased employee. The respondents have disbursed retiral benefits as well as ex gratia amount only in the year 2011 and 2012 after conclusion of the criminal proceedings.

In view of these facts and circumstances, there is a delay in settling retiral benefits as well as ex-gratia amount. The petitioners-legal representatives of the deceased Vijender Singh are entitled to interest from December, 2006 to 04.05.2012 the last settlement of retiral dues as is evident from para I of the written statement submitted by the respondents No.1 and 2. The respondents are directed to calculate interest on all the retiral benefits including ex-gratia amount @ 9% per annum and disburse interest amount within a period of 8 weeks' failing which petitioners are entitled to cost of Rs.10,000/-.

Accordingly, writ petition is disposed of.

(P.B. BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

September 15, 2015.
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