

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

CWP No. 4936 of 2014 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.04.2015

Suresh Kumar Jindal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Raj Paul Kansal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

By way of the instant writ petition, under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner seeks to issue directions to the respondents to award interest on the delayed payment of retiral benefits.

It is contended that the petitioner retired as Assistant Food and Supplies Officer, on 30.09.2012. The amount of leave encashment and GIS was released to the petitioner on 30.01.2013, whereas the amount of GPF was paid on 26.03.2013. The amount of gratuity was paid on 11.12.2012 and further on 08.05.2013 but no interest has been paid so far on the delayed payments.

The learned State counsel does not dispute the factual position.

Keeping in view the prayer made in the petition, without advertng to the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to consider the claim of the petitioner and release the interest on the delayed payment @ 8% p.a., in terms of the law laid down in case **The Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Irrigation Department, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh** Vs. **Hasan Singh Kanwar**, 2010(1) SLR 788, within four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

20.04.2015

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE