

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

CWP No. 5462 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision: 24.03.2015

Lila Ram and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Ms. Riti Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

By way of the instant writ petition, under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners seeks direction to the respondents to release the gratuity as per the provision of the Payment of gratuity Act, 1972 along with interest @ 18% from the due till the date of actual payment.

The learned counsel contends that for the redressal of their grievance, the petitioners had served legal notice dated 12.10.2014 (Annexure P-5), however, the same has not been decided so far. She further states that the petitioners will be satisfied in case the same be decided by the competent authority in terms of the order passed by this Court in CWP No. 15423 of 2008 titled as **Municipal Council, Pathankot Vs. Appellate Authority under the Payment of Gratuity Act and others** (Annexure P-2), CWP No. 6905 of 2006, titled as **Krishan Lal Aggarwal and others Vs. State of Punjab and others.**

Keeping in view the prayer made in the petition, without

adverting to the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide the legal notice, Annexure P-5 and consider the claim of the petitioners, in terms of Annexure P-2 and P-3, by passing a speaking order, within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

24.03.2015

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE