

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

LPA No. 1754 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision: 9.12.2015

State of Punjab and others

---Appellants

versus

Narinder Singh Sandhu and another

---Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajive Bhalla
Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal**

Present: Ms. Munisha Gandhi, Addl. A.G.Punjab

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

Rekha Mittal, J.

CM No.3770-LPA of 2015

Prayer in this application is to condone delay of 97 days in filing the appeal.

We have heard counsel for the applicant, perused averments in the application and as sufficient cause has been shown, allow the application and condone delay of 97 days in filing the appeal.

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The present appeal lays challenge to the judgment dated 31.7.2015 passed by the learned Single Judge allowing the petition filed by the respondent holding him entitle to get interest at the rate of 8% per annum on delayed payment of retiral benefits and statutory interest on

amount at his credit in his GPF account with effect from 18.4.2012 till its actual payment.

Counsel for the appellants would submit that the respondent submitted the pension papers in December 2011, made up deficiency pointed out in his pension papers on 18.2.2012 and the pensionary benefits were released within the shortest possible time from the date of completion of pension papers, allowing interest on alleged delayed payment would amount to putting premium on delay attributable to him.

We have heard counsel for the appellant and perused the records but find no merit in the appeal.

The respondent retired from service on 30.11.2011. He, admittedly, completed all the formalities for release of retiral benefits on 18.2.2012. The learned Single Judge has given leverage of two months to the department to process his case for release of his pensionary benefits. We do not find any error much less illegality in allowing interest at the rate of 8% per annum on delayed payment of retiral benefits and statutory interest on the amount of GPF to the credit of the respondent.

Finding no merit, the appeal is dismissed in limine.

(Rajive Bhalla)
Judge

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

09.12.2015

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