

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

LPA No.211 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 06.05.2015.

Union of India

.....Appellant

Versus

Harjit Singh and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
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. Vishal Gupta, Advocate for
Mr. Maharaj Kumar, Advocate for
the appellant.

Mr. Mansur Ali, Advocate and
Mr. H.S. Deol, Advocate for
respondent No.1-Caveator.

SURYA KANT, J. (ORAL)

1.) The order passed by learned Single Judge awarding interest @ of 6% per annum on the additional ex-gratia amount of ₹ 90,000/- for the period from 16.01.2006 till 13.09.2011, is under challenge in this Letters Patent Appeal at the instance of Union of India.

2.) The facts are not in dispute. The first respondent unfortunately lost his father in the 1984 Riots at Ghaziabad (Uttar

Pradesh). Having verified that the deceased was a riot victim, the claim of his legal representatives for the grant of pension or other benefits was duly accepted by the State of Uttar Pradesh as well as Union of India.

3.) The Government of India notified a new Scheme on 16.01.2006 whereunder additional amount was decided to be paid to the families of riot victims in each case of death, over and above the amount already paid by respective State Governments.

4.) The above stated ex-gratia amount under the Government of India policy was finally paid to the first respondent on 13.09.2011 after he ran from pillar to post including approaching this Court and got a direction to decide his claim.

5.) It was in this backdrop that the learned Single Judge, having found that the Scheme was not timely given effect due to the usual lethargic approach of Executive, has awarded interest @ 6 % per annum for the period from 16.01.2006 till 13.09.2011.

6.) As the facts would speak for themselves, the order passed by learned Single Judge is fully justified in law as well as equity. No interference with that order is called for.

7.) Dismissed.

(SURYA KANT)
JUDGE

(P.B. BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

May 06, 2015.

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