

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-18785-2013 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.10.2016

Sadhu Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldeep Singh

Present: Mr.V.K.Shukla, Advocate for the petitioner
Ms.Geeta Sharma, Advocate for the respondents

- 1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers 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?*

Kuldeep Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner had retired from Punjab State Power Corporation Limited on 31.8.2011. He claimed pensionary benefits after counting his work charge service, which was declined vide order dated 22.2.2013 (Annexure P1). It comes out that during the pendency of the present petition, the said work charge service has been computed by the respondents for grant of pension and now the pensionary benefits have been released on 15.12.2015.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed for interest on the delayed payment. I am of the view that under the law, the work charge service was to be counted for computing the qualifying service for the purpose of pension. The same was illegally declined to him. The said error has been rectified. The respondents are liable to pay the interest on the late release of the retiral benefits. The respondents are ordered to pay interest @ 9% per annum on the delayed payment of the retiral benefits starting three

months from the date of retirement till actual payment.

The writ petition is accordingly allowed to the above noted extent.

27.10.2016

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**(Kuldip Singh)
Judge**

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No