

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

**CWP-22839-2014 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 05.10.2016**

**Santosh**

**.....Petitioner**

**versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**.....Respondents**

**CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Kuldeep Singh**

Present: Mr. Ganeshwar Walia, Advocate for the petitioner  
Mr. R. S. Pathania, DAG Punjab

- 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)**

Husband of the petitioner, who was working as Sweeper with the respondent-department, died in harness on 1.6.2014. This writ petition has been filed by her widow for release of the service benefits in respect of her deceased husband i.e. family pension, gratuity, provident fund, leave encashment, ex-gratia and arrears of pay.

It comes out that during pendency of the petition, the service benefits are stated to have been released in September 2016. Now, the short prayer, surviving for consideration, is only regarding interest on the delayed payment. It is for the concerned department to complete all the formalities within time, for which, three months period is reasonable time. Therefore, w.e.f. 1.9.2014, interest @ 9% per annum on the retiral benefits shall be payable till the date of its release.

The petition is allowed to above noted extent.

**05.10.2016**  
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**(Kuldeep Singh)  
Judge**

Whether speaking/ reasoned:  
Whether Reportable:

Yes  
No