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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 3914 of 2015

Date of Decision: 04.08.2016

**NACHATTAR SINGH**

**... Petitioner**

**VS.**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**..Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH**

Present: Ms. Mansi Bansal, Advocate,  
for Mr. Rahul Sharma, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S. Pathania, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Vishwajit Bedi, Advocate,  
for respondents No. 4 and 5.

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1. *Whether the Reporters of local newspaper 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?*

**KULDIP SINGH (J.)**

Brief facts of this case are that the petitioner-Nachhatar Singh, who was working as Junior Assistant, Municipal Council, Kotakpura, Punjab retired from service on 31.10.2014, on attaining the age of superannuation. The petitioner approached this Court for release of GPF, leave encashment. gratuity etc. alongwith interest.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that now all the pensionary benefits have been released to the petitioner but the only question that survives for consideration is the payment of interest on the delayed payments.

The Municipal Council, Kotakpura, in its reply, has not denied the release of the payments. However, it comes out that the payments were

released after a considerable delay. It being so, the petitioner is entitled to interest on the delayed payments of pensionary benefits.

Accordingly, the respondents are order to pay interest @ 9% per annum on the delayed payments, starting three months from the date of the retirement till the payment is made.

In view of the above the petition is allowed.

August 4, 2016  
Suresh Kumar

[ KULDIP SINGH]  
JUDGE

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| <i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
|                                    |            | ✓         |
| <i>Whether Reportable</i>          | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |