

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-5343-2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.12.2016

Chint Kumar

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: Mr.Sukhdev S. Kanwal, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.R.S.Pathania, DAG Punjab
Mr.G.S.Ghumman and Mr.H.S.Ghumman,
Advocate for the respondent Nos.2 to 5

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?*

Kuldip Singh, J. (Oral)

Petitioner retired from the service of respondent no.2 on 31.3.2011. His GPF was not released. It comes out that the GPF of the petitioner was released on 14.3.2013 with a delay of little less than two years.

In reply filed on behalf of respondent nos.2 to 5, it is stated that interest for six months has been paid i.e. upto 30.9.2011. It is further stated that delay has occurred due to non-submission of papers by the petitioner.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have also carefully gone through the file.

I am of the view that if interest for six months is paid i.e. upto 30.9.2011, it goes to show that everything was complete. GPF was released on 14.3.2013. It is the duty of the department to complete the service book and release the pensionary benefits thereafter. For the remaining period also,

i.e. from 1.10.2011 to 14.3.2013, the petitioner is entitled to interest @ 9% per annum.

The petition is accordingly allowed. Arrears of interest for the remaining period be paid within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

19.12.2016

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(Kuldip Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No