

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

**CWP No.589 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : August 12, 2016**

Chanderkanta Bhatia

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present:- Mr. Naresh Kumar Joshi and Mr. R.V.S. Chugh, Advocates
for the petitioners.

Mr. Roopam Aggarwal, DAG, Punjab.

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. (ORAL)

The grouse of the petitioner is that despite order dated 09.09.2011 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Director, Education Department (Secondary Education), Punjab, Chandigarh, the arrears of revised pension and gratuity were not released to the petitioner.

This Court vide order dated 14.01.2015 directed that in case the payment is not released to the petitioner by the next date of hearing, the Director Secondary Education, Punjab i.e. respondent No.5 shall come present in the Court.

Now, this Court has been informed that the arrears have been released to the petitioner on 12.03.2015 i.e. nearly 3-½ years after the passing of the order dated 09.09.2011.

Now, the sole question survives for consideration is the interest part. Since the payment has been made with a delay, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to interest @ 9% per annum on the said arrears from 09.09.2011 to 12.03.2015.

It is further directed that the State shall also hold an inquiry as to why the payment was delayed and thereafter, fix the responsibility and take necessary departmental action against the defaulting official/officer.

As such, the present petition is disposed of.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

August 12, 2016

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Whether speaking / reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable: No