

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

Date of decision: 25.02.2016

CWP No.6936 of 2015

Wassan Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Arun Gosain, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vaibhav Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

In compliance of the order dated 5th November, 2015, the dues including arrears of salary have been paid to the petitioner, who has been retired as Peon on 31st August, 2014. The service benefits due on retirement have also been paid and the petitioner is satisfied except that no interest has been paid on the amounts withheld for a sufficiently long time.

The prayer for interest is found genuine and bona fide since the petitioner has been deprived of use of money, which is a right in property. Consequently, a direction is issued to the respondents to calculate and pay interest at the rate of 6% accruing from beyond three months of the date when he was retired on attaining the age of superannuation till payment.

Let the exercise be carried out within two months and the amount of interest calculated be supplied to the petitioner meanwhile for confirmation and then same be paid within a fortnight thereafter. The State of Punjab will be free to pass on the element of interest to the Central Government, which was

the principal debtor liable to pay and to recover the amount from the Union of India..

Disposed of accordingly.

[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

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