

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

Date of decision: 14.03.2016

CWP No.9922 of 2015

Gulzar Singh & others

...Petitioners

Vs.

Punjab Water Resources Management &
Development Corporation Ltd.

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. A.S.Walia, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate, for
Mr. Vishal Boli, Advocate, for the respondent.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion in this case was secured by the petitioners on the strength of an earlier decision rendered by this Court in CWP No.20201 of 2014 titled 'Darshana Devi & others Vs. Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation Limited & another' decided on 8th April, 2015.

The said writ petition was disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pay interest at the rate of 7% per annum on delayed payment of leave encashment to all the petitioners from the date of retirement till the date of actual payment. Besides, the delayed payment of gratuity would be governed by the rates of interest as provided in the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

Still further, this Court was seized of a similar issue in CWP No.416 of 2016 titled 'Abnash Chander Vs. Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation Limited' and three connected writ

petitions decided on 4th March, 2016. This Court passed therein the following order:

“1. This order will dispose of above cases bearing CWPs No. 416, 1969, 2205 and 945 of 2016 as common questions of law and fact are involved in them which can conveniently be decided by a common order.

2. These petitions are disposed of in terms of the decision in CWP No.18503 of 2015(Pritam Singh & ors. v. Punjab Water Resources Management and Development Corporation Limited & ors.) rendered on 30.10.2015. In the present cases, the period of four months will run from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.”

All the three petitions were disposed of in terms of another decision rendered by this Court in CWP No.18503 of 2015 titled 'Pritam Singh & others Vs. Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation Limited & others' on 30th October, 2015. I do not see my way to distinguish in principle the present case and the cases relied on which are similar in prayers, relief claimed and on facts.

Consequently, the present petition is disposed of in the same terms. However, the time fixed in the order passed in Abnash Chander's case will run within the same time frame, but from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

**[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE**

14.03.2016
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