

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

WPS No. 230 of 2012

- Ram Bhagat Dhritlahre S/o Nankunia R/o Vill. & Post Thathari Block Jaijepru
Distt. Janjgir Champa Cg

---- Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Chhattisgarh through Secretary, School Education Department, DKS Bhawan, Raipur (CG)
2. District Education Officer, Janjgir-Champa (CG)
3. Block Education Officer, Pamgarh, District Janjgir-Champa (CG)
4. Accountant General, Treasury, Accounts and Pension, Raipur, District Raipur (CG)

---- Respondents

For Petitioner	:	Ms. Sangeeta Mishra, Advocate
For Respondent No.1 to 3	:	Shri Manish Nigam, PL
For Respondent No.4	:	Ms. Purnima Singh, Advocate

Hon'ble Shri Justice Manindra Mohan Shrivastava

Order On Board

01/09/2017

Heard.

2. The only issue arising for consideration in this petition is, as to whether the petitioner is entitled to interest on belated payment of GPF amount. No return has been filed by the State for the last five years. It is a case of pensioner. Grievance of the petitioner is that though the petitioner was retired on 31-03-2005, GPF was paid after five years in the month of January, 2010. There is nothing on record to show that the petitioner himself was responsible for delay in payment of GPF. Therefore, in these circumstances, the petitioner is entitled for appropriate interest on the amount of GPF from the date it became due till the date it was actually paid.

3. Considering the totality of the circumstances, it is directed that the respondents shall pay interest @ 18% on the amount of GPF from the date it became due for

payment i.e. the date of retirement till the date of actual payment.

4. With the aforesaid direction, this petition is allowed with cost of Rs.10,000/-.

SD/-
(Manindra Mohan Shrivastava)
Judge