

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-10790-2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.02.2017

Gurmit Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: Mr.Neeraj Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.Nikhil Chopra, Addl.A.G. Punjab

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)

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that during pendency of the present petition, the work charge service of the petitioner has been counted for the purpose of grant of pensionary benefits. Now, claim surviving for consideration in this writ petition, is only for interest on the delayed payment of retiral dues.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner retired from service on 30.4.2012. But the pensionary benefits were released as under:-

- a. *leave encashment amount Rs.2,97,830/- dated 18.9.2012.*
- b. *Pension dated 29.11.2012.*
- c. *Pension commuted Rs.3,78,705/- dated 29.11.2012.*
- d. *Gratuity Rs.3,96,563/- dated 1.02.2013.*
- e. *GPF Rs.5,06,846/- dated 29.03.2013.*

Above stated payments are not disputed by the State. The said payments were supposed to be released within three months from the date of

retirement i.e. 30.4.2012. Therefore, starting from 1.8.2012, the petitioner shall be entitled to interest @ 9% per annum on the delayed payment of above noted retiral benefits till the date of payment. Payment of interest be released within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

28.02.2017*gk***(Kuldip Singh)
Judge**

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No