

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

**CWP No. 14982 of 2017  
DECIDED ON: July 13, 2017**

**RETIRED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES  
WELFARE ASSOCIATION, ABOHAR**

**.....PETITIONER...**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**.....RESPONDENTS..**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH**

Present: Mr. Peeush Gagneja, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

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**JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)**

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay the amount of interest on the delayed period of payment of gratuity under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a legal notice dated 08.02.2017 (Annexure P-9) was duly served upon the respondent(s) but despite the fact that a period of more than 5 months has elapsed, no action has been taken.

3. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent(s) to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his legal notice dated 08.02.2017 (Annexure P-9) and to decide the same, in view of the observations

made by Full Bench of this Court in case captioned as “*AJS Randhawa vs. State of Punjab*”, 1998 (1) SCT 343 (also mentioned as R.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab), within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

July 13, 2017  
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(JASPAL SINGH)  
JUDGE

*Whether speaking/reasoned*     *Yes*

*Whether reportable*                     *Yes/No*