

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-20871-2014 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.04.2017

PRITAM SINGH SEWADAR

.....Petitioner

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS

.....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Kuldip Singh

Present: Mr.V.K.Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr.Nikhil K. Chopra, Additional Advocate General Punjab
None for the respondent no.5

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)

Petitioner, who was working as a Peon with Municipal Committee, Maur retired from service on 30.6.2013 on attaining the age of superannuation.

The present writ petition was filed stating that his retiral benefits i.e. Gratuity, Leave Encashment, arrears of DA and arrears of revised scale are not being released.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has informed that pending the present writ petition, all the retiral benefits have been released. He confines his prayer to the grant of interest on the delayed payments.

The short reply of respondent no.5 shows that the payments were released on different dates between 1.7.2013 to 10.7.2015 in installments. The said payments were required to be released within three

months from the date of retirement of the petitioner. Since, there is delay in releasing the retiral benefits and arrears, therefore, the petitioner shall be entitled to interest @ 9% per annum starting three months from the date of retirement till the date of actual payment.

The present writ petition is allowed to the above noted extent.

28.04.2017

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(Kuldip Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes

Whether Reportable:

No