

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

**CWP No. 16772 of 2017
DECIDED ON: July 31, 2017**

PAL CHAND AND OTHERS

.....PETITIONERS...

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS..

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Vikas Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioners have sought issuance of a writ especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay/release the interest @ 18% on the delayed payment of gratuity given under the provisions of Payment of Gratuity Act.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that though representation dated 10.03.2016 (Annexure P-3) was moved to the respondent(s) but till date, 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 petitioners in their representation dated 10.03.2016 (Annexure P-3) and to decide the same particularly, in view of the

full bench judgment of this Court captioned as “*R.S. Randhawa v. State of Punjab, 1997 (3) RSJ 318* as well as “*Harbhajan Singh (Retd.) and others v. State of Punjab and others*”, dated 21.04.2016 (Annexure P-2), in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

July 31, 2017
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*