

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

CWP No. 2346 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 18.05.2017

DR. JASVIR PAL SINGH BAGGA AND ANOTHER **...Petitioner**
VS.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER **...Respondents**

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

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl. A.G., Punjab

KULDIP SINGH, J (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that pending the present petition, all the retiral benefits have been released to the petitioner. Now, the only claim that survives for consideration is for interest on delayed payment of retiral benefits.

It comes out that petitioners retired on 31.07.2015 and 31.08.2015 respectively and payment of retiral benefits were released after 10-11 months as mentioned in the reply. No charge sheet or enquiry was pending against the petitioners at the time of their retirement. Whatever may be the internal correspondence with one or the other offices, the petitioners are not to be blamed for the delay.

In the circumstances, respondents are ordered to pay interest @ 9% per annum on the delayed payment of retiral benefits to the petitioners, starting three months from 17.09.2015, the date on which the request of the petitioners for extension was rejected, till the date of actual payment.

Accordingly, petition stands allowed to the above noted extent.

May 18, 2017

Suresh Kumar

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :

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Yes / No

Whether Reportable :

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Yes / No