

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

Sr. No.126

Civil Writ Petition No.20092 of 2017
DECIDED ON: September 06, 2017

VIJAY KUMAR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

**PUNJAB WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND OTHERS**

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Balbir Singh Jaswal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Through the instant civil writ petition preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay interest on the delayed payments of gratuity and leave en-cashment.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that though petitioner is legally entitled to interest on the delayed payments but same has not been granted to him so far. Even he was also issued a legal notice dated March 02, 2017 (P-4) to the respondents but till date neither any conscious decision has been taken thereon nor interest has been paid on delayed payments.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further contends that similarly situated employees/retirees of Punjab Water Resources

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Management & Development Corporation Ltd. from which petitioners have already been granted similar concession i.e. interest on delayed payments vide judgment dated April 08, 2015 passed in CWP No.20201 of 2014 (O&M) and other connected cases captioned as “***Darshana Devi and Ors. vs. Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation Ltd. & anr.***”

4. Taking into consideration the aforesaid aspects of the case and documents available on record, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1-Managing Director, Punjab Water Resources Management & Development Corporation Ltd. to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in his legal notice dated March 02, 2017 (Annexure P-4) and take a conscious decision strictly in accordance with aforesaid judgment passed by this court within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. In case, respondent No.1 comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the interest claimed, same be released to him within a period of next 45 days.

5. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any order of the afore-said authority, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

September 06, 2017

Ankur

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable**

**Yes/No
Yes/No**