

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

Sr. No.124

Civil Writ Petition No.23027 of 2017
DECIDED ON: October 09, 2017

VIJAY KUMAR BHALLA AND OTHERS

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Amardeep Singh Gill, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Through the instant civil writ petition, preferred under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioners have sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents No.3 to 5 to release the enhanced gratuity as due to them with interest @ 18% per annum.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that though representations dated July 28, 2016, September 01, 2016 and May 03, 2016 and December 27, 2015 (P-7 to P-10) respectively were moved to the respondents but till date neither any reply to the said representations has been received nor any final order has been passed by the respondents.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that they feels satisfied in case a direction is issued to respondents No.3 to 5 to decide aforesaid representations in a time bound manner.

4. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.3 to 5 to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in the representations dated July 28, 2016, September 01, 2016 and May 03, 2016 and December 27, 2015 (P-7 to P-10) respectively and to take a conscious decision by passing a speaking order strictly keeping in view the disbursement of the benefits to similarly situated persons in Civil Writ Petition No. 23560 of 2014 captioned as ***Manjit Kumar Khosla & ors. vs. State of Punjab & ors.*** which is stated to be listed before this Court on January 23, 2018 within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Factum of interest in view of judgment passed by Full Bench of this Court in case ***A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab & Ors., 1997 (3) SCT 468*** as well as judgment passed by this Court in CWP No.8772 of 2015 captioned as ***Charan Dass vs. State of Punjab & Ors.*** decided on July 11, 2017, be also considered on delayed payment(s).

5. However, if petitioners still feel aggrieved by any of the orders passed by the aforesaid authority, they shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

October 09, 2017

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**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable**

**Yes
Yes/No**