

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 24367 OF 2017
DECIDED ON: OCTOBER 27, 2017

SUBHASH RANI

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to immediately pay the service benefits on account of death of her late husband during service, including family pension (regular), gratuity, leave encashment etc. and other dues as are still outstanding viz. balance amount of GPF, arrears of dues on account of restoration of special increments along with interest @ 18% per annum.

2. At the very outset of the arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case direction is issued to respondent(s) to decide latest representation dated 20.08.2017 (Annexure P-3), within a stipulated period.

3. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent(s) to consider the grounds ventilated by the petitioner in her representation dated 20.08.2017 (Annexure P-3), and take conscious decision, within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the concerned authority comes to the conclusion that petitioner is entitled to the benefit claimed, to release the same within a period of next one month.

4. The matter with regard to grant of interest on delayed payment shall also be considered in view of the observations made by Full Bench of this Court in case captioned as “*R.S. Randhawa v. State of Punjab*”, 1997 (3) *RSJ* 318.

5. However, if the petitioner still feels aggrieved against the order passed by the concerned authority, she shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*