

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

Sr. No.249

Civil Writ Petition No.7417 of 2016
DECIDED ON: August 18, 2017

MANDEEP SINGH

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Akanksha, A.A.G., Punjab.

JASPAL SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By virtue of instant civil writ petition preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant and release the amount of General Provident Fund (GPF), Group Insurance Scheme (GIS) and Link Insurance to the petitioner as his wife namely Smt. Harinder Pal Kaur has been taken away by the nature on September 24, 2013 while in service along with interest @ 12% per annum on delayed payment to the petitioner.

2. Learned State counsel furnished short affidavit of Shalvinder Singh, District Education Officer (E.E.) Hoshiarpur today in court, which is

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taken on record subject to all just exceptions and be tagged at appropriate place.

3. A glance at the aforesaid affidavit transpires that amounts on account of General Provident Fund, Group Insurance Scheme, Group Insurance Fund (Saving) and D.L.I. have already been paid as reflected in para No.3 of the affidavit. However, there is a delay in disbursement of aforesaid amounts, though the instant petition has rendered infructuous as far as the payment of aforesaid amount is concerned. So far as the prayer for grant of interest is also concerned, as is evident from the affidavit of legal heir certificate which was issued by the competent authority on August 10, 2015 on account of payments could not be made earlier. Thus, respondents are directed to pay interest @ 9% per annum after the expiry of three months from August 10, 2015 till the payment of the amount was actually made to the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

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

August 18, 2017

Ankur

**(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE**

**Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable**

**Yes/No
Yes/No**