

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

**CWP No. 9160 of 2016 (O&M)
DECIDED ON: OCTOBER 09, 2017**

GURMAIL SINGH

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & OTHERS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Mr. Lalit Rishi, Advocate
 for the petitioner.

Ms. Akanksha, AAG, Punjab.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant petition preferred under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to release the retiral benefits accrued to the petitioner i.e. Gratuity, Leave-encashment etc along-with consequential benefits with 14% interest.

2. At the very outset of the arguments, it has been submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that all the retiral benefits i.e. GIS, GPF, interest of GPF amount, Leave-encashment, Gratuity, arrears of pay w.e.f. May 02, 2010 to January 31, 2016, have already been released/disbursed to the petitioner after a considerable delay but no interest on delayed payments of gratuity, leave-

encashment, GIS and arrears of pay for the period May 02, 2010 to January 31, 2016, has been paid by the respondents.

3. In the foregoing facts and circumstances, instant petition is allowed and respondents are directed to pay interest @9% per annum in respect delayed payment on account of GPF, GIS, leave encashment and arrears of pay w.e.f. May 02, 2010 to January 31, 2016, after an expiry of three months period from the date of retirement till the actual payment. The amount shall be calculated by the respondents and paid to the petitioner within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. However, if petitioner still feels aggrieved by any order of the respondents, he shall be at liberty to approach this Court.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*