

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

**CWP No. 8017 of 2017  
Date of Decision: 20.04.2017**

**Sulekh Chander & Others**

**...Petitioners**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab & Another**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR**

Present:- Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

**JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)**

The prayer in this writ petition is for grant of interest on the delayed payment of gratuity as envisaged under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that in this regard, a legal notice dated 09.01.2017 (Annexure P-3) has already been served upon the respondents which is still pending consideration. At the present moment, limited prayer is made that the respondents should be directed to decide the claim as set up in the said legal notice as expeditiously as possible.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and in view of the limited prayer made, without going into the merits of the case, the respondents are hereby directed to decide the claim of the petitioners as set up in the legal notice dated 09.01.2017 (Annexure P-3) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. In case, the petitioners are found entitled to the relief as sought by way of this writ petition, the same be granted to them within a period of one month thereafter.

**April 20, 2017**

**Ansari**

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)  
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned  
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No  
Yes/No*