

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

**L.P.A. No.1212 of 2016 (O&M)
Decided on : 11.07.2017**

The Punjab State Electricity Board and others

... Appellants

Versus

Surinder Kumar

... Respondent

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI**

Present : Mr. Vinod S. Bhardwaj, Advocate,
for the appellants.

Mr. Dinesh Nagar, Advocate,
for the respondent.

MAHESH GROVER, J.

This Court had issued notice limiting to the grant of interest vide its order dated 5.9.2016.

We have heard the learned counsel for the appellants who contends that interest ought not have been granted.

We notice that the learned Single Judge observed that the interest was to be granted on the enhanced value of pension and gratuity from 1995 which benefits have been withheld for no justifiable cause. However, while agreeing with the learned Single Judge that the respondent was entitled to interest, we are of the opinion that the rate of interest @ 12% prescribed is excessive. Consequently, we modify

the impugned order of the learned Single Judge and restrict the interest to 6% p.a. from the date of filing of the writ petition with remaining order intact.

Disposed of.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

July 11, 2016

Paritosh Kumar

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No