

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

COCN No. 1645 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 15.01.2018

Natha Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Sh. A.K. Srivastwa, C.M.D. Bharat Sanchar Nigam
Ltd. (BSNL), New Delhi and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Harchand Singh Batth, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. K.B. Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. D.R. Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No. 3.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The claim for grant of interest to the petitioner on the delayed payment of gratuity was allowed by a Division Bench of this Court vide order dated 30.01.2017 (**Annexure P-1**) passed in CWP No. 219 of 2016, with a direction *to pay interest to the petitioner @ 8% per annum w.e.f. 01.04.2008 till the actual date of payment of gratuity.*

Since the required arrears of interest were not paid within three months, as directed, hence the present contempt petition.

Learned counsel for respondent No. 3 states that the same Division Bench has since, vide order dated 08.12.2017, extended the time till 28.02.2018 for making the payment of the arrears of interest, as directed. He further states that the needful shall be done before the extended time.

Learned counsel for the petitioner concedes the above said factual position.

In view of above, no further action is warranted in the present contempt petition, therefore, the same is **disposed of as infructuous**.

In case the directions are not complied with by **28.02.2018**, the petitioner would be free to revive the present contempt petition.

January 15, 2018

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>