

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

**C.O.C.P. No. 2799 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.07.2018**

Ashok Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

Dr. H.S. Bali, Director, Health and Family Welfare,
Punjab, Chandigarh and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Mohan Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manoj Bajaj, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondents.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner (Ashok Kumar) stood voluntarily retired from the rank of Lab Technician on 31.03.2014. Since the formalities for sanctioning papers were complied in February 2014, the payments of retiral benefits could not be paid within time.

A writ petition bearing *CWP No. 6285 of 2015* filed by the petitioner, claiming interest on the delayed payments, was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 27.02.2016 (**Annexure P-1**) with a direction to compute the interest on delayed payments at the current statutory rates.

As per the claim of the petitioner, an amount of Rs. 1,15,265/- as interest @ 8.08% (admissible for Senior Citizens) was required to be paid, whereas the stand of the respondents is that a sum of Rs. 76,466/- was the total accrued interest at the same rate; and a sum of Rs. 71,638/- stands paid.

Counsel for the respondents-State submits that the remaining amount of Rs. 4,828/- has been sent for approval and the same would be disbursed as soon as the approval is received.

Without going into the rival claim, the present contempt petition is **disposed of** with the **directions** to release the aforesaid remaining amount within four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, failing which the petitioner shall be entitled to his claim of Rs. 1,15,265/-, which will be borne by the officer concerned, found guilty of delaying matter.

July 02, 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>