

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

**CWP No.14715 of 2016
Date of Decision: 15.10.2018**

Swaran Singh

.... Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. J. S. Jaidka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Advocate
for the respondents.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

The present writ petition is for quashing of letter dated 06.06.2016 (Annexure P-8) denying payment of interest on account of delayed payment of retiral benefits.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner herein retired on 28.02.2013 and thereafter show cause notices were issued which were decided on 20.02.2014 and then on 25.05.2015 and lastly on 16.10.2015 whereby all the payments on account of gratuity, leave encashment and pension have been released immediately thereafter.

Learned counsel for the respondents contended that the payment could not be released immediately after the retirement as there is a delay attributable to the conduct of the petitioner. But after completion of the proceedings lastly on 16.10.2015, there was no justifiable ground for the

respondents not to grant retiral benefits immediately thereafter.

On that ground, the petitioner is entitled to interest on delayed payment.

The present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the amount on account of interest @ 9% p.a. from the due date within a period of two months. Keeping in view the relevant provisions of the Rules governing the petitioner and in case the petitioner is still dissatisfied with the payment on account of interest, the petitioner shall be at liberty to raise his claim by way of separate remedy available to him.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No