

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

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**CWP No.19187 of 2016.
Date of Decision: 22.10.2018.**

Baljeet Kaur

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Vishal Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Learned counsel representing the respondent-State contended that all the retiral benefits including pension have been released to the petitioner who retired on 31.03.2016.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that though payments have been released to the petitioner, but the same have not been released on due date thereby entitling her for payment on account of interest on delayed payment as well.

In view of the judgment of Hon'ble the Apex Court in case **A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab & others, 1997(3) SCT 468** and judgment dated 11.07.2017 by co-ordinate Bench of this Court in case '**Charan Dass vs. State of Punjab & others, CWP No.8772 of 2015**', the petitioner is certainly entitled to interest on delayed payments from the due date till the date of payment and in this case the petitioner shall be entitled to interest at the rate of 9% per annum on account of delayed payment.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with direction to the respondents to pay the amount on account of interest of delayed payment at the rate of 9% per annum from the due date till the date of payment.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No