

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

CWP-25210-2013 (O&M)
Date of decision : 13.11.2018

Sadhu Singh

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. C.L. Premy, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Arun Gosain, Advocate for respondent No.2.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondent Nos.1 to 4, to verify the services of the petitioner rendered by him with respondent No.2 w.e.f. 16.10.1961 to 30.11.1973, and count the same towards pension and other retiral benefits.

At the very outset, learned State counsel refers to additional affidavit dated 02.02.2017, filed on behalf of respondent Nos.1, 3 and 4, to contend that the grievance of the petitioner already stands redressed as all the payments have been made to the petitioner after counting his past service.

Learned counsel for the petitioner does not dispute this factual aspect of the matter, however, states that the payment has been made belatedly and therefore, the petitioner is entitled to interest on the delayed

payment.

Heard.

Admittedly, the benefits admissible to the petitioner have already been granted to him. However, there is apparent delay in making the payments without there being any fault on the part of the petitioner.

In view of the above, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-State to pay interest at the rate of 6.5% per annum from the date of filing the instant petition, till the date of actual payment, within a period of three months from today.

Disposed of.

13.11.2018

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No