

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

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**CWP No.24713 of 2016.
Date of Decision: 12.10.2018.**

Joginder Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. B.D. Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Piyush Khanna, Advocate, for the respondents.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Short reply filed by learned counsel for the respondents is taken on record.

As per reply filed by the respondents, all the retiral benefits have been paid to the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the petitioner has retired from service on 31.08.2012 and the retiral benefits have been paid after much delay and after making repeated representations and filing of the present writ petition and, as such, the petitioner is certainly entitled to receive interest also. On this point, reliance was placed upon 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,**

In view of the above, the scope of controversy has narrowed down since payment of retiral benefits have already been released by the respondents-corporation during the pendency of the present writ petition. Now the dispute is regarding payment of interest on account of delayed payment only. Accordingly, the present petitioner is certainly entitled to receive interest on account of delayed payment as well as per view taken by Hon'ble the Apex Court in **A.S. Randhawa's** case (supra).

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 8% per annum from the due date till the date of payment.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No