

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

CWP-2688-2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : 20.11.2018

Harmesh Pal and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Vishal Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition is for issuance of a direction to release the salary of the petitioners for the period from 01.03.2013 to 31.10.2014, along with interest on the delayed payment.

It is contended that the petitioners were appointed as Conductors in various Depots of Punjab Roadways under the Department of Transport, Government of Punjab. Some of the petitioners were further promoted as Sub Inspectors and Inspectors. Subsequently, the petitioners on having been rendered surplus, were posted on Inter State Boards in the State of Punjab on deputation to the office of State Transport Commissioner. However, since the time the petitioners joined on deputation, their salaries are being paid belatedly.

On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that after obtaining approval of the Government, the salary of the petitioners for the period in question stands already paid.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioners states that the interest on the delayed payment has not been paid.

Considering the fact that substantial relief has already been granted to the petitioners, the instant petition is dismissed as having been rendered infructuous. However, the petitioners are free to move representation before the competent authority with regard to delay in payment of salary, which shall be decided expeditiously, as per law.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No