

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

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**CWP No.26741 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 15.11.2018.**

Kamaljit Singh

....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. B.S. Sewak, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

The short grievance of the petitioner in the present writ petition is that his retiral benefits have not been released on due date though the petitioner had retired on 31.03.2015 and his retiral benefits including G.P.F., G.I.S., Earned Leave, DCRG, Pension etc. were released to the petitioner after unreasonable delay of more than one year. He has not been paid any interest on the delayed payment of retiral benefits as per view taken by Hon'ble Full Bench of this Court in case **A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab, 1997(3) R.S.J., 318.**

Learned State counsel contended that the payment could not be released earlier as certain information were to be supplied by the petitioner himself. However, there is nothing substantial available on the file that

anything to be done by the petitioner for releasing pension and as such, the petitioner is entitled to receive interest on the delayed payment in this case.

In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with direction to the respondent-State to release the payment on account of interest at the rate of 9% per annum on the delayed payment of retiral benefits from the due date till the date of actual payment within a period of two months.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No