

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

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CWP No.726-2016.

Date of Decision: 12.10.2018.

Suresh Kumar

....Petitioner.

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. S.S. Panag, Advocate, for the respondents.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Present writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioner for issuance of direction to the respondents to release the retiral benefits including the amount of gratuity, GPF, monthly pension and leave encashment etc. alongwith interest.

In the written statement filed by respondent No.3, contention was raised that payment has been made to the petitioner though not on due date.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that as it is a case of delayed payment on account of retiral benefits including gratuity, leave encashment, GFP and commuted pension etc., the petitioner is entitled to interest as well. On this point, reliance was placed upon the judgment of Hon'ble the Apex Court in case **A.S. Randhawa vs. State of Punjab &**

Bench of this Court in case '**Charan Dass vs. State of Punjab & others,**
CWP No.8772 of 2015'.

Learned counsel for the respondents has not disputed the factual position that payments on account of retiral benefits have been made, but the same was not paid on due date.

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 8% 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