

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

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CWP-7460-2016

Date of Decision: May 21, 2018

Darshani Devi

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Hitesh Pandhit, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The husband of the petitioner died on 18.06.2006. In accordance with the policy governing the grant of compassionate assistance/Ex-gratia financial assistance, prevailing in the year 2006, the monetary benefits were paid to the petitioner with effect from the date of death of her husband. Vide the order dated 01.03.2008, the monetary funds were withheld due to which the petitioner was constrained to file a writ petition. The writ petition was allowed vide order dated 14.05.2009. Thereafter, Letter Patents Appeal was dismissed and subsequently Special Leave Petition was also rejected vide order dated 19.10.2013. Payments have been released to the petitioner on 27.05.2014 with effect from 01.03.2008.

In this writ petition, the petitioner claims interest on the delayed payments. A formal reply has been filed on behalf of the respondents but no reason is forthcoming for delay in the payment of monetary benefits. Thus, the petitioner is entitled to be paid interest on the delayed payments.

Accordingly, the writ petition is allowed and the order dated 18.05.2015 (Annexure P-5), passed by respondent No.4, is quashed. The petitioner is held entitled to interest @ 6% per annum with effect from 01.03.2008 till the date of payment.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No