

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.2886 of 2018

Date of Decision: 27.02.2018

Randhir Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Surender Lamba, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti Jain Goyal, AAG, Haryana.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

1. Ms. Shruti Jain Goyal, AAG, Haryana appears on behalf of the department and confesses on instructions that indeed salary from the month of November 2017 onwards has not be released for want of completion of the service book of the petitioner. She informs the Court that the service books of employees in the department have been brought on the digital platform and non-payment is attributed to this. If this is so, then salary due has to be paid even by adopting the manual mode and digital entries can follow on completion of the service book which contains service record.

2. Employees are not dependent for their salaries on their service book which is an obligation of the State to discharge every month on a fixed date.

3. In this state of affairs, a direction is issued to the respondents to

release salary from November 2017 till date which entire shall be paid to the petitioner by the end of this month with interest @6% per annum on delayed payment without legal justification. It is made clear that release of this amount will not be dependent on the completion of service book.

4. It is made clear that the service particulars of the petitioner be entered in the digital platform/portal of the department within two months from the date the certified copy of the order is received, or supplied to the department, if not already updated.

5. The petition stands disposed of with the above directions and the undertaking given the department.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether reportable *No*