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

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Date of Decision : 08.10.2018

The Telecom District Manager and another

....Appellants

Versus

Presiding officer, Central Govt. Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court,
Chandigarh and others

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

Present : Mr.D.R.Sharma, Advocate for the appellants

None for the respondents

MAHESH GROVER, J.(ORAL)

Service is complete.

There is no representation on behalf of the respondents.

The appellants' grievance is only directed to the portion of the judgment where the learned Single Judge has granted interest at the rate of 8% per annum from the date of award on the amount of compensation i.e Rs.30,000/- assessed by him.

Learned counsel for the appellants contends that reference was decided in 2001 and the writ proceedings were preferred by the respondent-workman in 2011 after a lapse of 10 years and therefore the appellants cannot be burdened with interest from the date of award. It is further stated

that the amount of compensation has been paid to the respondent-workman.

After hearing learned counsel for the appellants, we are of the opinion that the grievance of the appellants is justified. Since the writ proceedings were preferred after a lapse of 10 years it would dis-entitle the respondents to an interest from the date of award and consequently we modify the impugned judgment to state that workman will be entitled to interest only from the date of decision rendered by the learned Single Judge i.e 1.8.2017 till the date of payment.

Disposed of in above terms.

(Mahesh Grover)
Judge

08.10.2018
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(Mahabir Singh Sindhu)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No