

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

LPA No.2381 of 2017 (O&M) in
CWP No.24034 of 2017

Date of Decision:- 13.03.2018.

Sona Devi

...Appellant

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.S. WALIA**

Present:- Mr. J.P. Rana, Advocate
for the appellant.

Rajesh Bindal, J.

Order dated 25.10.2017, passed by the learned Single Judge, has been impugned by filing the present intra-court appeal.

2. The prayer made was regarding grant of interest on delayed payment of terminal benefits. Deceased-husband of the appellant was convicted under Prevention of Corruption Act. During the pendency of the appeal, he died, however, vide judgment dated 01.09.2014, passed by this Court, in CRA No.S-156-SB of 2003, deceased-husband of the appellant was acquitted, giving him benefit of doubt. Vide impugned order, learned Single Judge has directed payment of interest at the rate of 9% per annum on delayed payment of terminal benefits w.e.f. 01.12.2014 i.e. 3 months after the judgment of this Court acquitting the late husband of the appellant. We find the order quite reasonable. The appellant cannot be held entitled to interest from the date the deceased husband retired from service. Even earlier writ petition bearing CWP No.15165 of 2011 filed by the appellant was disposed of with a direction to decide her

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legal notice and to pay the amount within a period of two months in case she is found entitled to. Order was passed on 23.12.2014. Now vide impugned order, interest has been directed to be paid from 01.12.2014.

3. Therefore, we do not find any merit in the present appeal. The same is dismissed.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

13.03.2018.

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Whether speaking /reasoned : Yes / No
Whether Reportable : Yes / No